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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In preparation for the draft dog policy, we have performed extensive research and compilations of policies and data of dog parks throughout the country and world. The following draft policy reflects the RPD Draft Strategic Plan, SF Municipal Codes, the 1998 Dog Task Force¹ recommendations, as well as the best and most relevant efforts of established dog park designs and policies.

The San Francisco Recreation & Park Department (RPD) welcomes dogs on leash in most of its parks; dogs are currently allowed off-leash in 19 designated areas. The Dog Task Force has recommended increasing the number of established sites. (see Appendix for existing sites and task force recommendations) Dogs are not allowed in some areas as noted in 3.1 of this policy.

The following policy supports continued and increased education about how to be a responsible park user with your pet. RPD believes the off-leash dog issue is not entirely about dogs but a debate about appropriate uses for, and stewardship of scarce urban parklands and open spaces, which are stretched to accommodate all the uses San Franciscans propose for them. This policy outlines rules and guidelines to allow all citizens to share urban parks and open spaces without endangering one another or adversely affecting these spaces. The intention of the rules is to assure San Francisco citizens and park visitors a quality and safe experience in our parks, which belong to all of us, and to future generations.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

To provide consistency in this document, the following terms will apply throughout:

RPD: San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

DPA: Dog Play Area as defined by RPD, a designated park space for off-leash dogs use

Owner: shall mean any person who possesses, has title to or an interest in, harbors or has control, custody or possession of an animal, and the verb forms of “to own” shall include all those shades of meaning. (SF Health Code, section 41.g)

Partner(s): Dog Play Areas require an active volunteer or partner program to assist with monitoring and maintenance. Partners must demonstrate their commitment, organizational skills and willingness to support and promote the DPA standards.

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

¹ Pursuant to the Board of Supervisors Resolution # 359-98, the Advisory Dogs-Off Leash Task force was formed. Establishment of the Task Force to assess use of parks by San Franciscans with their dogs off leash, to investigate and to recommend solutions for improving conditions in City parks, and to look for ways to provide sufficient off leash opportunities for San Francisco dog owners. Footnote Task Force Report. Neither the Board nor Rec/Park Commission formally adopted the report and its recommendations.

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Athletic Fields: Any field for which the RPD accepts paid, permit reservations (see appendix)

Children's Play Area: Any area that is in immediate proximity to children's play structure or apparatus and sandbox.

Significant Natural Resource Area: The Significant Natural Resources Management Plan (SNRAMP), adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1995, lists over 30 open spaces throughout the city as *Significant Natural Resource Areas (SNRAs)*. Significant Natural Resource Areas are generally remnants of San Francisco's original landscape and support important plant and animal populations and habitats

While the list in the SNRAMP provides a good framework for identifying SNRAs, it is general and is not necessarily reflective of on-the-ground resources. For example, not all land within a designated SNRA is an important natural resource area (e. g., lawns or areas where the landforms and vegetation have been highly altered). Similarly, some parks or portions of parks not listed in the SNRAMP contain habitat for sensitive species (e. g., portions of Lincoln Park and Golden Gate Park). Therefore, each park and open space must be evaluated on a case by case basis in order to determine the boundaries of the SNRA.

Some criteria that should be considered when determining the boundaries of Significant Natural Resource Areas are provided below.

- Areas of existing intact native plant communities (remnants of the original landscape)
- All habitat areas that support, or are likely to support, locally important, rare, threatened or endangered species (examples include red-tailed hawk nesting sites, heron rookeries, cormorant nesting colonies, red-legged frog habitat, western pond turtle habitat, wetlands, significant migratory bird habitat, quail habitat areas)
- Active restoration sites
- Areas that have the potential to be restored. These areas typically would contain unaltered or un-manipulated soils or substrate and would not have been heavily landscaped in the past. Typically these areas would be located adjacent to intact natural areas.
- Areas that function as wildlife corridors or would link, or make contiguous, together two or more nearby natural area fragments.
- Buffer areas around intact native plant communities and important wildlife habitat areas.

3.0 SITE CRITERIA FOR OFF-LEASH USE

RPD will use the following criteria as defined below for both existing and new DPAs.

3.1 LOCATION

The density of the dog population varies from community to community. The requirements of one community may not be the same as a neighboring community. The size and nature of each DPA will be determined by several factors including, but not limited to, available park land, proximity to significant natural areas, dog population and other park uses. It is RPD's desire to

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provide DPA opportunities in all neighborhoods. However, not unlike pools, or athletic fields, some neighborhoods do not have adequate park space to meet this goal. Therefore, RPD will work closely with the Dog Advisory Group and community partners to identify suitable spaces for additional DPAs.

DPAs should be neighborhood friendly and, at a minimum, will be located where they will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood and open space by:

- Causing ongoing conflicts due to overcrowding
- Causing detriment to the surrounding environment such as digging or wallowing
- Causing displacement of established recreational activities including passive recreation²
- Compromising the intent of the DPA to allow dogs and owners to exercise and socialize in a safe area away from other park activities

Siting shall also take into account the following:

- DPAs shall be sufficiently distant from residences so that noise and activity levels are no more disruptive to neighbors than typical park uses. Some noise is expected and will not be used as a reason to disallow the establishment of a DPA
- DPAs shall comply with all codes and regulations as they apply to the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and California Title 24.

While dogs are allowed in most park areas, dogs are not allowed in the following areas:

- Athletic fields
- Children's play areas
- Sensitive habitat areas (as defined in appendix)
- Significant natural areas/Native habitat
- Areas prohibited in Park Code Sec.5.02³

3.2 SIZE

Wherever possible, DPAs should be at least 30,000 square feet. The minimum size of a DPA shall be 8,000 square feet, (approximately 800 square feet larger than a tennis court.) RPD modified National Parks and Recreation Association standards for DPAs of a minimum of

² The Department does alter uses based on community needs. This does not preclude options to use guideline considerations.

³ Sec.5.02. Animals prohibited from certain areas. No person, other than members of the Police Mounted Detail when on duty, shall, in any park, allow any animal in his or her custody to enter any building, the Zoological Gardens, or those areas of Golden Gate Park known as the Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden and Conservatory valley, or any playground, sandbox or other area reserved for children, or to enter or drink the water of any drinking fountain, lake or pond, except at places designated and maintained for such purpose. Notwithstanding the above provision, a blind person may enter buildings, the Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden and Conservatory Valley with a guide dog (i.e. service dog).

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10,000 sq. feet, due to the constraints of available open space within the jurisdiction of RPD and the relative landmass of the City and County of San Francisco.

3.3 CAPACITY

RPD will post each DPA with a recommended occupancy. The occupancy is the recommended maximum number of dogs that can effectively and safely use a given DPA at any one time. Users are expected to self regulate to the posted recommended occupancy.

The capacity of a DPA shall be 400 square feet per 1 (one) dog. Thus, a minimum-sized DPA of 8,000 square feet shall have a recommended occupancy of 20 dogs inside the DPA at any one time.

3.4 BOUNDARIES/BARRIERS

DPAs require adequate delineation, natural or man-made, to protect dogs from vehicles, steep cliffs, and other hazards as well as to prevent conflicts with other park users.

Many urban settings define a DPA with an enclosure of a four- (4) foot fence. The boundaries of DPAs will be identified with barriers (shrubs, fencing). All barriers will strive to be aesthetically pleasing using landscape features such as shrubs and vines. Type of barrier, size and location will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The standard to be tested against is a dogs ability to permeate the barrier.

3.5 DPA SURFACING

RPD's experience and research of DPAs shows that grass will not grow in heavily used DPAs. Therefore, muddy conditions and other environmental degradation will occur. In an effort to provide the highest standards possible in DPAs RPD will only consider the use of turf in unusual circumstances. In accordance with RPDs turf management practices, DPAs with turf surfaces will be subject to closure during inclement weather. RPD favors the use of alternate materials such as sand, gravel, decomposed granite and other surface materials that allow for regular and appropriate maintenance. Combinations of materials may be used.

3.6 AMENITIES

RPD will provide at a minimum the following amenities:

- Bag dispensers
- Signs
- Bench(s)
- Surface material
- Barriers
- Trash cans

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RPD will work closely with partners and the dog advisory committee to identify funding sources for additional amenities such as lighting, water fountain, or informational kiosk.

3.7 EXPLORATION OF OTHER/ADDITIONAL OFF LEASH EXPERIENCES

RPD welcomes the opportunity to provide several different outdoor experiences with your pet. In an effort to provide a more widely varied natural experience, RPD will consider initiating off leash use areas under the following circumstances, which the Advisory Board will investigate:

- Trail Experience
 - Parks larger than 35 acres (see attached list)
 - Users must be able to access the facility with or without encountering off leash dogs
 - Signage that designates “Dogs allowed off leash on these trails”, and “Dogs not allowed off leash”
 - Dogs must not be able to directly access prohibited areas such as Significant Natural Resource Area (see attached list)
 - Soft barriers
 - Trash cans are available
 - Bag dispensers are available

Additional experiences may be offered after extensive review with RPD and the Advisory Board. In order to implement these experiences RPD would require approval by the Recreation & Park Commission.

- “Gold Bone Program” to be explored by RPD & Advisory Board
 - The advisory committee is asked to identify an accepted stringent obedience training program that can be endorsed by stakeholders
 - RPD and the Advisory Board will identify available funding in order to provide a granting program to participants in the designated obedience training so that the program can be fully accessible
 - Dogs would be awarded a “gold bone” metal, or color-coded collar to identify them as exceptionally well behaved and obedient.
 - Upon completing a rigorous obedience certification program dogs would be allowed additional park privileges.

3.8 PARTNERSHIPS

DPAs require an active volunteer or partner program to assist with monitoring and maintenance. An identifiable partner is required for new and existing DPAs. A current “Friends of...” group is sufficient. Partners must demonstrate their commitment, organizational skills and willingness to support and promote the DPA standards.

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4.0 RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

While RPD has jurisdiction over DPAs on RPD property and will contribute to both the capital start-up and operating expenses, the success of any DPA is based on the ability of its users to help establish, fund, operate, maintain and monitor each DPA site. In our research of DPAs around the country, most off leash areas require direct support by site users, local residents, and/or organized groups or volunteers. The RPD encourages and welcomes partnerships in many forms. RPD is moving toward MOU's for all park partners. The RPD expects the DPA to simply be one of the many partnerships available in a park, perhaps under an umbrella group.

4.2 DOG PLAY AREA RULES

Your neighbors and the Recreation and Park Department appreciate responsible dog ownership.

- All dogs must be licensed and vaccinated before entering the DPA
- No dog that is less than 4 months old shall be permitted in the DPA
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed
- No food allowed with the boundaries of the DPA
- No more than (3) dogs per owner are allowed in the DPA at any one time
- Professional dog trainers may not use a DPA for the conduct of their business, unless sponsored by RPD or by obtaining a permit from RPD
- Animals must be leashed when entering and exiting the DPA
- Owners shall be in possession of a leash for each dog at all times with maximum 8 foot leash
- Dogs must be under control of their owners at all times
- Control excessive barking and noise
- Pick up and dispose of dog waste in a proper manner
- Aggressive dogs must be leashed immediately
- Owners are to fill in holes dug by their dogs prior to leaving the DPA
- Dog grooming is not be allowed in any DPA

4.3 RPD/PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Partners and RPD shall share the responsibility for maintaining and monitoring DPAs. The following are general guidelines for each.

RPD

- Maintain and repair surface (subject to budgetary constraints)
- Maintain surrounding landscape
- Repair or replace fencing and other basic amenities

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- Maintain informational signs
- Empty waste receptacles
- Liaison with Animal Care & Control
- Enforce hours of operation for DPA
- Regulate hours to best serve maintenance needs
- Provide cost estimates for new or renovated DPAs
- Fulfill all necessary regulatory requirements such as CEQA.

Partners

- Stewardship of DPA to uphold policy standards
- Distribute DPA rules and other educational materials to park users
- Serve as good role models
- Ensure DPA is kept free of animal feces
- Alert RPD/Advisory Committee (see following section 4.2) to maintenance needs
- Help establish priorities for repair and renovation
- Schedule cleanup/workdays as necessary
- Fundraising activities to support additional amenities based on users' needs

Partners will enter into a MOU/permit agreement with RPD under the auspices of the Advisory Committee. (See appendix) Failure to meet standards and responsibilities set forth in the MOU agreement will subject DPA to review by RPD.

4.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RPD will form an official Dog Advisory Committee with balanced representation from the DPA community, children's groups, other park users, and invested government agencies. The Dog Advisory Committee will be moderated by RPD and the General Manager will appoint members. The RPD General Manager will also appoint the chairperson for the Advisory Committee. The committee will consist of 7 members selected from citywide organizations promoting park advocacy such as, but not limited to:

SFSPCA	Neighborhood Parks Council	PAWS
SFDOG	SF Animal Care & Control	Fund for Animals
Coleman Advocates	SF Police Department	Friends of ACC
Native Plant Society	Audubon Society	Sierra Club
Environmental Quality for Urban Parks		
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)		
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services		

Responsibilities of the advisory committee shall include, but are not limited to making recommendations on the following items:

- Identify partnership opportunities
- Organize educational events (i.e. obedience classes, canine good citizen tests)

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- Assist in developing and distributing education information
- Organize collaborative events throughout the City (i.e. vaccination and licensing days)
- Assist in the mediation of neighborhood park issues related to DPAs
- Recommend community guidelines
- Promote community relations
- Solicit and identify funding for amenities and improvements not provided by RPD
- Assist in review and evaluation of DPAs & Partnerships
- Act as liaison between users, local residents, and relevant citizen associations
- Meet bi-monthly unless deemed otherwise
- Meetings shall adhere to all City and State public meeting regulations
- Identify 3 (three) alternate DPA experiences in the first year of forming
- Identify rules and outline potential “Gold Bone” program
- Draft language for DPA signs

4.5 HOURS OF OPERATION

DPAs shall be open 7 days per week, within the posted and/or legal hours for any RPD park. Hours of lighted facilities shall be worked out with effected residents/neighborhood and civic associations. RPD reserves the right to restrict any DPA operating hours as needed in accordance with neighborhood input as well as maintenance requirements.

4.6 EVALUATION

DPA evaluations shall be carried out one (1) year after a DPA is first sited, established, and/or significant renovation has been completed. After that, DPAs should be evaluated every three- (3) years. An evaluation should be held in the interim if RPD determines that conditions warrant it. Existing DPAs shall be evaluated within one (1) year of this policy’s inception.

DPA evaluations will be conducted by a committee comprised of representatives from RPD, the Advisory Committee, the neighborhood, Animal Care & Control and relevant local citizen associations. The evaluation instrument will be developed with the Advisory Committee and RPD. The evaluations should include utilization, community and fiscal impacts. The evaluation should also include a satisfaction survey of users and neighbors and consider the number, severity, and resolution of complaints and issues raised during the evaluation period.

4.7 SIGNS/RULES

The intent of providing signs is to identify, educate and provide a clear and consistent understanding of the expectations of dog owners within DPA’s and other parks throughout the city.

The RPD shall provide and install signs at all DPA’s that outline the rules and regulations for those spaces. When appropriate, directional signs will also be installed throughout parks that

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contain DPA's. In addition, RPD will install informational signs, which will accompany bag dispensers, at on-leash sites that are used by the dog walking community.

These signs which outline several current San Francisco laws and ordinances also contain information that has proven effective in managing off-leash facilities in other cities.

5.0 SIGN FOR ON-LEASH PARK SPACES - AS REQUIRED

(These signs will accompany bag dispenser)

Your neighbors and the Recreation and Park Department
appreciate responsible dog ownership

Please:

- Pick up and remove dog waste
- Leash your dog(s) with maximum 8 foot leash
- Don't leave your dog unattended
- Control excessive barking and noise
- Prevent digging and destructive behavior
- Keep your dog's vaccinations and license current

Thank you,

For information regarding dogs in parks, please contact the
RPD @ (415) 831-2700 or Animal Care & Control @ (415) 554-6364

Health Code 40 A&B; 41.12 A-D, 41.15
Park Code 3.02

5.1 SIGN FOR OFF-LEASH PARK SPACES (DPA'S)

Language for DPAs will be developed with advisory committee. Language will reflect simplified rules and regulations.

5.2 ENFORCEMENT

Although previous enforcement has been inconsistent, RPD intends to pursue enforcement of all related state and municipal laws. Enforcement will necessitate a multi-agency effort to include SFPD, ACC, and RPD. RPD strongly believes the greatest voice for following established rules and policies will be from DPA partners and users.

Upon adoption of this policy, a period of ninety (90) days for extensive public education and notice will precede strict enforcement.

6.0 MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 HOW TO PROPOSE A NEW DPA or ALTERNATE USE AREA

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In general, users and neighbors, and/or a park partner can submit a written request regarding the establishment of new DPAs, or adding/repairing amenities at existing DPAs to RPD (submit to General Manager). The RPD will evaluate the request and make a recommendation to the Advisory Committee within 60 days of receiving the request. The Advisory Committee will begin public process/negotiations. Siting a DPA shall follow the accepted community-wide planning process, which includes public notification and opportunities for input from users and neighbors, RPD and relevant civic association (s).

6.2 FUNDING

Prior to establishing a DPA adequate funding must be identified by RPD, Advisory Committee and/or community partners. RPD has the primary responsibility for providing the resources necessary for the establishment, maintenance and management of basic DPAs.

RPD will work with DPA Partners, The Dog Advisory Committee and other government agencies to identify support through additional city monies, grants, private and corporate funding, and agency partnerships.

6.3 COMPLAINTS

Complaints and concerns arising inside the boundaries of the DPA should be brought to the attention of the RPD. All complaints will be reported to the Advisory Committee in a staff report. If after 60 days the complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, the Advisory Committee and the complainant will meet with the appropriate RPD personnel to mediate the situation to resolution.

6.4 PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKERS

RPD requires an RPD Permit and Animal Care & Control agreement form. Please see attached "Dog Walker Agreement Form" provided by San Francisco Animal Care & Control Department. Dog Walkers are required to have a maximum 8-foot leash in their possession for each dog. Animal Care and Control recommends that professional dog walkers not have more than six (6) dogs in their control at any one time. RPD requires no more than six (6) dogs per person be off leash at any one time in a DPA.

6.5 PUBLIC INFORMATION

RPD will provide outreach information by producing signage and brochures that shall be distributed through a number of means including veterinary offices, SFSPCA, pet stores and RPD facilities, as well as the RPD WEB page which will link to other support organizations.

All RPD staffed facilities will provide information on the closest available official DPA (on or off-leash).

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Dog Play Areas

Golden Gate Park

1. Southeast section bounded by Lincoln Way, King Drive, 2nd & 7th Avenues
2. Northeast section at Stanyan and Grove Streets
3. South central area bounded by Martin Luther King Drive, Middle Drive, 34th & 38th Avenues
4. Dog training area (fenced) north central area near 38th Avenue and Fulton Street

Alta Plaza Park

Second terrace of park, on Clay Street between Scott and Steiner Streets

Bernal Heights

Top of hill, entire section bounded by Bernal Heights Boulevard

Buena Vista Park

Buena Vista West at Central Avenue

Corona Heights

Field area adjacent to Randall Museum at Roosevelt Way and Museum Way

Dolores Park

South of tennis courts, between Church and Dolores Streets

Douglass Playground

End of 27th Street, between fence and Diamond Heights Boulevard

Lafayette Park

Near Sacramento Street, between Octavia and Gough Streets

Lake Merced

North Lake area at Lake Merced Boulevard and Middlefield Drive

McKinley Square

San Bruno Avenue and 20th Street, on west slope

McLaren Park

Top of the hill at Shelley Drive and Mansell Street

South section via 1600 block of Geneva or 1600 block of Sunnydale
(exclusive of significant natural resource areas)

Mountain Lake Park

East end of park, north of Lake Street at 8th Avenue

Potrero Hill Mini Park

22nd Street between Arkansas and Connecticut Streets

Stern Grove

North side, Wawona Street between 21st and 23rd Avenues

San Francisco Recreation & Park Significant Natural Resource Areas

Bayview Hill
Bernal Hill
Billy Goat Hill
Brooks Park
Buena Vista Park
Corona Heights
Dorothy Erskine Park
Duncan Castro Open Space
Edgehill Mountain
Fairmont Park
Glen Canyon
Golden Gate Heights
Golden Gate Park
- oak woodlands
- selected lakes
- Strawberry Hill
Grandview Park
Hawk Hill
India Basin
Interior Greenbelt
Kite Hill
Laguna Honda
Lake Merced
McLaren Park
Mount Davidson (west side)
Mountain Lake Park
Palon-Phelps Open Space
Parcel Four/ Sutro Baths
Pine Lake
Rock Outcrop
Rolph Nicol Park
Sharp Park – Pacifica
Twin Peaks

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covers the northern portion of the San Francisco Peninsula - a landscape that was once continuous wildlands from San Bruno Mountain to the Golden Gate Headlands. Here the particular influences of water, wind, sand, and rock created an ecological

system different from any other - we call it the *Franciscan biogeological region*. This unique area was home to many species of plants and animals - some of which never lived anywhere else. Today, only small pieces of this rare *Franciscan environment* remain, supporting

the last remnants of what was once the rich *biodiversity* of the region. These are the *Significant Natural Resource Areas*, now preserved and protected by the Recreation and Park Department.

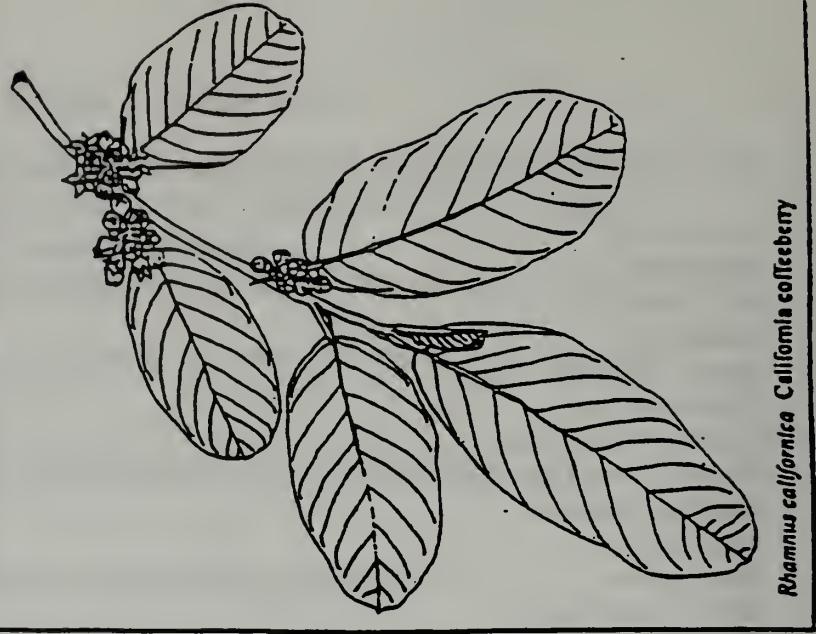
Biodiversity

Bio refers to life, *diversity* means many different kinds. *Biodiversity*, then, is simply the many different kinds of life. This includes all the species of living organisms as well as the multitude of different ecosystems created by organisms' interactions with each other and their environment. Species of animals, plants, fungi, bacteria, and the many single-celled organisms vary around the planet - and so does their physical environment. Factors such as distance from the equator and the

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SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO

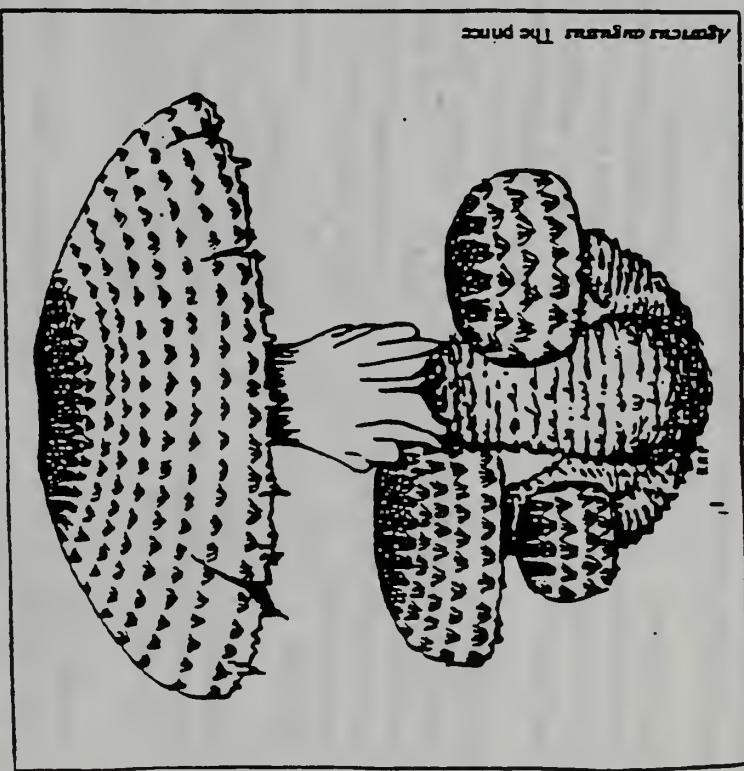


Rhamnus californica California coffeeberry

hills above the ocean, the shore along the bay...
We call Mt. Sutro, Twin Peaks, Mt. Davidson. To the west and north of these peaks the land rises gradually from the sea; once all this was covered with sand - the largest inland penetration of sand dunes anywhere on the coast. On the east side several streams, including Islais Creek, flows down through Glen Canyon to the bay. Bernal Heights and Portero Hill rise along the Bay.

What was alive here before we came? The hillsides were covered with native grasslands, awash with the color of wildflower blooms during the spring rains. In some sheltered areas trees grew - toyon and coast live oak. Rocky outcrops housed native drought-tolerant shrubs and different wildflowers than in the meadows. Lizards and snakes bathed in the sun and lived in the crevices. Rabbits, squirrels and other small mammals played and fed in the meadows, and the oak groves. All these provided plenty of food for hawks and falcons, bobcats and mountain lions. Bees and butterflies and a multitude of other insects, whose lives are often intricately intertwined with the plants on which they feed and lay their eggs, filled the air with the buzz and flutter of busy life. In the wet winter months, even the invisible fungi made an appearance - mushrooms and truffles and puffballs popped up everywhere.

The sand dune system had its own unique flora (plants) and fauna (animals): a multitude of plants adapted to shifting grounds and quick-draining soils, along with distinct mammals, insects, and birds that were able to persist in this ever-changing environment. It was the same in the eastern saltmarshes and wetlands, the northwestern rocky shores, the streams that run down from the ridges, and the wide stretch of ocean beach. Each different area of what is now San Francisco had evolved over millennia to house its own special organisms, each well-adapted to its particular environment and neighbors.



Significant Natural Resource Areas

Small fragments of these original natural communities still survive in San Francisco: these are the **Significant Natural Resource Areas (SNRAs)**. They are essentially "islands" in a "sea" of a human-built environment. This fragmentation has many effects which threaten their continued existence. In order to counteract these threats, people need to help care for them. They are the last vestiges of the **beautiful and unique ecosystems** that are our natural heritage in San Francisco. Our actions can help to guarantee their survival!

Artemesia californica, Allium macrostemon

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... groups and to create such groups for all the SNRAs. To find out how you can get involved, check [this list of SNRAs and community groups](#). If you are interested in a group, call the Restoration Team Volunteer Hotline, at 415-831-2778.

Glen Canyon Friends of Glen Canyon 3rd Sat of every month: Jean Conner 584-8576	Corona Heights Corona Heights Native Grasslands Restoration Project last Sat every month Margaret Goodale 554-9604	Lake Merced Friends of Lake Merced John Plummer 991-0409
Bernal Hill Bernal Hilltop Native Grasslands Restoration Project 3rd Sunday every month Barbara Pitschel 282-5066	Oak Woodland: Golden Gate Park Oak Woodlands Restoration Susan Amesen 566-1876	Stern Grove/Pine Lake Friends of Sigmund Stern Grove/Pine Lake last Saturday every month Marlyn Cohen 759-7425
Mountain Lake Park Friends of Mountain Lake Judy Whitt 387-7120	McLaren Park Friends of McLaren Park 2nd Sat every month Jo Coffey 585-6506 David Graves 585-3909	Buena Vista Park Friends of Buena Vista Park 1st Sat every month Isabelle Wade 621-3260 Buena Vista Neighbors Association John Hooper 626-3260
Brooks Park Peter Vaernet 554-2841	Other Significant Natural Resource Areas	
	Golden Gate Park Selected Lakes Strawberry Hill	Castro/Twin Peaks Kite Hill Tank Hill Twin Peaks
	Richmond Park Presidio Lincoln Park	Glen Park Dorothy Erskine Park
	Sunset	Noe Valley/Diamond Heights Falmont Park Billy Goat Hill
		Miraloma Park Edgewood Mtn. Open Space Mt. Davidson (west side)
		Bayview/Hunter's Point Bayview Park

Invasive non-native plant and animal species are those that are introduced to an area (i.e.) did not previously inhabit and then quickly spread and take over. They arrived here (and all around the world) in many different ways. Some were brought here deliberately - for instance, horticultural plants that "escaped" from peoples' gardens. Others were "stowaways" - such as the European species of rats that came over in ships' holds and the seeds of plants that got stuck to travellers' belongings. Such long-distance transport of organisms has always happened, but in the last 400 years, as we have explored and inhabited the planet, human activity has greatly increased the rate and frequency of introductions.

The majority of introduced species are not invasive. They pretty much stay where they land or are placed, or they die out. But the very small minority that do take hold and spread are single-handedly responsible for altering ecosystem processes, damaging natural areas, displacing native species, and even causing local extinctions. And, if the displaced species has a small range and population to begin with, complete extinction often occurs.

Some of the most serious threats in San Francisco come from these non-native plants:

fennel	eucalyptus trees
annual European grasses	French Broom
Cape ivy	Scotch Broom
English ivy	yellow star thistle
iceplant	pampas grass

Factors that threaten SNRAs...

- Because the SNRA's are small, fragmented, and isolated from one another, the biodiversity within each area is threatened in many ways:
 - SMALL AREA MEANS SMALL POPULATIONS** - Fewer numbers of individuals can survive in smaller areas than in large ones. This increases their chances of extinction.
 - SMALLER POPULATIONS LEAD TO A DECLINE IN GENETIC DIVERSITY** - Fewer numbers of individuals means fewer numbers and types of genes survive in the population.

- REDUCED GENETIC DIVERSITY INCREASES THE CHANCE OF EXTINCTION** - For many species, reduction in their numbers and in their *genetic diversity* leads to a drastic outcome - complete disappearance from a site they historically occupied.
- FRAGMENTATION ALLOWS INVASION BY NOXIOUS WEEDS** - The spread of a number of non-native invasive species of plants and animals exclude the native plants or animals and often change fundamental ecosystem processes so much that the ecosystem begins to change.
- SMALL HABITAT FRAGMENTS RECEIVE INCREASED USE** - Erosion and other human-induced physical changes threaten the integrity of slopes, the flow of water, and many other important ecological factors.



Many of these threats are magnified by the interconnectedness of the entire system. For instance, if a butterfly depends on a particular plant for food and to lay its eggs, and the plant is threatened by the spread of invasive plants, then the butterfly is threatened as well. And if another organism feeds on the butterfly larvae, then that organism is also threatened. Thus negative effects on one species can easily reverberate through the system and create a "cascade" of effects on many other species - which means that all these threats to SNRAs are compounded by their mutual reinforcement of each other.

... and what people can do to help

The mission of the SNRA program is to restore and enhance remnant natural areas and to develop and support community-based site stewardship of these areas. Volunteers from communities all over the city are working with the city Natural Areas Program to restore remnant natural areas. While we cannot (usually) increase the size of an SNRA, we can do a number of things that will reduce the negative effects of small size and fragmentation. People can:

- remove and prevent the spread of invasive non-native species
 - help native vegetation and small native plant populations by collecting seed,
 - propagating plants in nurseries, and planting them back out in SNRAs,
 - restore damaged plant and animal habitat within the SNRAs to a condition



**San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Facilities List**

Compiled by Deborah Learner
Revised: 1998

Column Code

Ownership:

RP - Recreation and Park
ED - Board of Education
WD - Water Department
RA - Redevelopment Agency
DPW - Department of Public Works
PO - Police Department
Lib - Library

ST - State
PC - Port Commission
PUC - Public Utilities Commission
LP - Leased from private party
HA - Housing Authority
RE - Real Estate
WM - War Memorial

Statistical Information:

1. Approximately 227 properties on list.

2. Acreage and Jurisdiction of recreation and open space resources:

	<u>Acreage</u>
Recreation and Park Department parcels in S.F.	2,523.881
Other City department properties maintained by Rec/Park	<u>793.46</u>
Total acreage in San Francisco maintained by Recreation and Park Department	3,317.341
Candlestick Point State Park	171.00
GGNRA (with Presidio)	<u>2,066.00</u>
Grand Total Open Space in San Francisco	5,383.341
Rec/Park Lands Outside San Francisco:	
Rec/Park: Fuhrman Bequest, Kern County	1,516.00
Rec/Park: Camp Mather, Tuolumne County	328.78
Rec/Park: Sharp Park Golf Course, San Mateo County	454.72
Total Rec/Park outside San Francisco	2,299.50
Total acreage maintained by Recreation and Park Department	5,616.841
3. Per capita open space:	
- Population of San Francisco, 1990 census:	724,000
- Open Space Acreage/person in San Francisco:	0.007
- Square feet/person:	337.07

4. Park and Open Space in San Francisco maintained by
the Recreation and Park Department includes:

<u>Park</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Golden Gate Park	1,017
Lake Merced (WD)	700
McLaren Park	317
Lincoln Park	200
Candlestick Park	77
Glen Park	66.08
Zoo	77.74
Marina Green	74
Crocker Amazon (WD)	55

Ten (10) Swimming Pools: Balboa, Coffman, Garfield, Hamilton, King, Mather, Mission, Rossi, Sava, North Beach

Six (6) Golf Courses: Fleming, Glen Eagles (McLaren Park),
Golden Gate Park, Harding, Lincoln, Sharp Park

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Facility Name	Location	Accessories	Comments
Franklin Square	16th/Bryant	3963 10 RP	4,408 1688
Fuhman Bequest	Fresno County	NA RP	20,000
Fuhman Bequest	Kern County	NA RP	1436.0
Fuhman Bequest	Monterey County	NA RP	20,000
Fulton Playground	27th Avenue/Fulton	1670 21 RP	.828 1938
Garfield Playground	25th/Harrison	6523 10 RP	2,925 1881
Garfield Pool	Marina/Laguna	900 23 RP	
Gas House Cove (see Marina)	Geneva/Delano	698A 12 RP	.247
Geneva Avenue Strip	GilmantGriffiths	4963/4945A 24 RP	7,026 1938
Gilmant Playground	Diamond/Farmum	7549 31 RP	.086
Glen Park Open Space Lots	Cheney/Elk	7560 31 RP	68,681 1923
Glen Park PG/RC/Canyon			2 1 1 1
Silver Tree Day Camp	Golden Gate/Steiner	755 15 RP	
Golden Gate/Steiner-Mini	12th Ave./Rockridge Dr.	2132/AB 14 RP	.092
Golden Gate Heights (Sunset Hs.)	Felt/Sianyan	1700, 126A, 1283 17 RP	4,870 1924 2
Golden Gate Park	Angler's Lodge		1,017.0 1870
Golden Gate Park	Bandstand		See below
Golden Gate Park	Beach Chalet		

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Facility Name	Location	Acres	Owner/Manager	Address/Block #	City/Zip	Phone	Comments
Grandview Park Open Space	Norlega/15th Avenue	1928B	RP	.810	7579		
Grandview Park & Extension	Moraga/44th Avenue	2034A	RP	3.705	1923		
Grattan PG	Slanyan/Alma	1263	RP	1.524	1949	1	1 NWA Nursery
Great Highway	Shoal Ic Pt. Lobos	21	RP				
Hall of Justice	850 Bryant Street	3759	PO	2.0			
Hamilton PG, RC and Pool	Geary/Siehner	703	RP	3.947	1911	2	1 PWA Rec Ctr has gym
Harding Gov Courses (see Lake Merritt)	Harding Boulevard	7283	WD				
Harvey Milk Cr. - Rec & Arts Bldg. (see Duboce Park)	50 Scott Street	876	RP				
Hawk HM	14th Avenue/Rivera	2336	RP	2.653			
Hayes Valley PG	Hayes/Buchanan	819	RP	.606	1937	1	1 PWA
Head/Brotherhood-Mini	Hard/Brotherwood Way	7135	DPW				
Helen WMs PG	Broadway/Larkin	573	RP				
Herz PG/Coffman Pool (McLaren Pk)	University/Hahn	6220	RP	3.989	1915	1	2 PWA
Hilltop Park	La Salle/Whitney Yo. Circle	4713	RP	3.83			1 PWA
Holy Park	Holy Circle	5714A	RP	7.500	1870	1	
Howard/Langton-Mini	Howard/Langton	3730	RP	.215	1970		
Hunter's Pt. RC & Gym (Milton Meyer Center)	195 Kiska Road	4700	HA			1	1 NWA
Huntington Park	Californi/Taylor	245	RP	1.073	1915		
Hyde St. Reservoir (Russian Hill Pk)	Hyde/Bay	47	WD	.947	1947		

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Facility Name	Location	Address or Block #	Zip Code	Owner/Manager	Acres	Dee - Purchaser/Frst Use	Trans Courts	Baseball Diamond	Soccer	Rec Ctr/Gym	Clubs/Assn/Admtry Rm	Chambers Pa	Exhibit	Showers	Administr	Comments
Hyde/Vallejo-Mini	Hyde/Vallejo	124	09	RP	.100											
Ina Coolbrith Park	Vallejo/Taylor	126	33	RP/DPW	.434	1931										
India Basin	E. Hunters Pt. Blvd.	4598	24	RP			1987	DPW and Port St. Rights-of-way to be transferred								
	4605, 4622, 4629A, 4596, 4606, 4597, 4607, 4630															
India Basin	Hudson Avenue/Evans	4622	24	RP	9.316	1967-1991										
India Basin-Ferrari Shoreline	Griffith betwn. Fairfax/Galvez	4621	24	RP	2.46	1987										
Interior Green Belt	Sutro Forest	2634A	17	RP	20.746											
J. P. Murphy PG	1960 9th Avenue	2126	16	RP	1.222	1983	3	1	1	1	0	2	PWA 1M/1F			
Jackson Playground	17th/Carolina	3961	07	RP	4.400	1912	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	nightlight, WA		
James Lang Field (Port of Margarei Heyward PG)	Gough/Turk	759	02	RP		1922	2							nightlight		
Japanese Peace Pagoda and Plaza	Post/Buchanan/Geary	700	15	RP	.596											
Jefferson Square	700	15	RP			1986										
Joost/N of Baden	Eddy/Gough	745	02	RP	5.642											
21st/Folsom	Joost/N of Baden	6765	31	DPW	.115	1970										
Jose Coronado (Folsom) PG	3611	10	RP		.767	1925	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Joseph Conrad Square-Mini	24	33	RP				25	76-78								
																litter and debris maintained by merchants

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Facility Name	Location	Assessors Block & Subdivision	ZBP Code	Category	Contractors			Comments
					DPW - Parks/Fire Use	DPW - Parks/Fire Use	PWA	
Larson Park and Sava Pool	19th Avenue/Vicinity Euclid/Catlin	2477	18	RP	6.810	1928	1	
Laurel Hill PG		1068	18	RP	1.418	1949	1	
Le Conte Avenue Min	Le Conte/Meade		24		0.110			
Lessing-Sears-Mini	Lessing/Sears	7160	12	RP	.057	1970		check site
Library-Anza	550 37th Avenue	1508	21	Lib	.41			
Library-Bernal	500 Cortland	5707	10	Lib	.027	RecPark maintains		
Library-Eureka Valley	3555 18th Street	3564	14	Lib	.031	RecPark maintains		
Library-Excelsior	4400 Mission	6797	12	Lib		RecPark maintains		
Library-Mahn	Civic Center	353	02	Lib	.80	RecPark maintains		
Library-Marina	Chestnut/Webster	469	23	Lib	.096	RecPark maintains		
Library-Merced	155 Winston Dr.	7238	32	Lib	.269	RecPark maintains		
Library-Noe Valley	451 Jersey	6539	14	Lib	.046	RecPark maintains		
Library-Ortega	3223 Ortega	2094	22	Lib	.034	RecPark maintains		
Library-Parkside	1200 Taraval	2351	16	Lib	.126	RecPark maintains		
Library-Pollero	20th/Arkansas	4068	03	Lib	.031	RecPark maintains		
Library-Presidio	3150 Sacramento	1006	15	Lib	.81	RecPark maintains		
Library-Richmond	351 9th Avenue	1441	18	Lib	.20	RecPark maintains		
Library-Sunset	1305 18th Avenue	1773	22	Lib	.17	RecPark maintains		
Library-West Portal	190 Lenox Way	2919	27	Lib	.047	RecPark maintains		
Library-Western Addition	1550 Scott Street	703	15	Lib	.176	RecPark maintains		

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Facility Name	Location	Acres	Owner	Comments
Lincoln Park Golf	34th Avenue/Clement	1313	28 RP	204.068 1809
Little Hollywood Park	Lathrop-Tocoma	4891	34 RP	1.0 76-77
Louis Suiter PG (McLaren Park)	University/Wayland	6220	34 RP	1 1 WA clubhouse closed
Lower Great Highway	Lincoln/Skool	NA	16 RP	2 2 1 1 1
Margaret Hayward PG	Laguna, Turk	759	02 RP	5.343 1922 2 1 1
Marina Green	Marina Blvd.	900	23 RP	74.165 1921 course 1 2
Marina Yacht Harbor	Marina		23 RP	
Gas House Cove				leased to club
Golden Gate Yacht Club				leased to club
St. Francis Yacht Club				
Marin Plaza (Washington Sq.)	Columbus/Union	102	11 RP	
Maritime Plaza	Battery/Clay	204	11 RP	1.9
McCoppin Square	21st Avenue/Taraval	2351	16 RP	7.570 2 1
McKinley Square	20th/Vermont	4091/4076	07 RP	2.486 1868 1
McLaren Golf Course (McLaren Pt.)	2100 Sunnydale Avenue	6220	34 RP	
McLaren Park	Visitation Valley	6220	34 RP	317.975 (3.4) 6 0 0 2 1 3
Herz PG/Coffman Pool		34		(117.045) 2
Louis Suiter PG		34		amphitheater
Merced Heights PG		34		1
Bybree/Shields		7078	32 RP	1.033 1
				1 PWA lights 1

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Facility Name	Location	Address Block #	Zip Code	Owner/Manager	Address	City/State/Zip	Comments
Michelangelo PG	Greenwich/Jones	93 09	RP	.434	1986	1/2	WA
Midtown Terrace PG	Clarendon/Olympia	2738 31	WD	13,370	1981	0 0 1	1 WA
Mirahoma PG	Omar/Sequoia Ways	2955B	RP	2,253	1949	1 1	1 WA
Mission Center	2450 Harrison	3612 10	RP	.421	1976	2	4 WA racquetball
Mission Dolores Park	2480 Harrison	3612 10	RP	.211	1991	1 2	
18th/Dolores	3588/3599	10	RP	13,370	1905	6 1	1 WA lights
Mission PG	Valencia/Cunningham	3597 10	RP	.23	75-76	2 1	
Urban Life Skills Ctr., Pool	19th/Linda	3597 10	RP	1,088	1916	2 1	x WA
Monterey Conservatory	Monterey Baden	6770 31	RP	.189	79-80	1 1	
Monstone PG (Funston)	Chestnut/Buchanan	489 23	RP	12.05	4 1	3 2	1 WA nightlight
Mount Davidson	Myra Way	3015/2861A 27	RP	39,420	1929		
Mount Olympus	Upper Terrace	2829A 17	RP	.230	1687		NWA
Mountain Lake Park	12th Avenue/Lake Street	1345 16	RP	15,000	1887	4	1 purchase
Mullen/Peralta-Mtn	Mullen/Peralta Mtn	5538 10	RP	.165			
Noe/Beaver-Mtn	Noe/Beaver	3581 14	RP	.058	1983		
Noe Valley Courts	24th/Douglass	2829 14	RP	.925	1938	1	1
North Beach PG, Pool	Lombard/Mason	75 33	RP	2,520	1909	3 2 1	1 1 2 PWA Bocce
O'Shaughnessy Hollow	O'Shaughnessy Blvd.	2949A 31	RP	2,445	1996	natural area	
Oceanview PG, RC	Capital Avenue/Montana	7088 12	RP	10,285	1931	2 1	1 1 1 NWA

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Facility Name	Location	Assessor's Block &	Zip Code	Quarters	Address	Comments
Page-Laguna-Mini Palace of Fine Arts/ Exploratorium	Page/Laguna 3601 Lyon Street	852 02	RP	.152	1970	
Theater		916 23	RP	15.720	1927	
Paleo PG, RC (Portola)	Fellon/Holyoke	5929/5930 34	RP	4.959	1926	2
Paleo-Phelps-Mini	Palou al Phelps	5329 24	SP	.0688	1972	1
Parcel Four	Great Highway/Balboa	1592 22	RP/DFW		1995	
Park Presidio Blvd.	Park Presidio Blvd.	NA	RP	23.000	1903	
Parkside Square	26th Avenue/Vicente	2469 16	RP	7.480	1987	4
Pebbleto PG (see Corona Hts.)	15th/Roosevelt	2615 14	RP			
Pine Lake Pk (adj. to Stern Grove)	Crestlake/Vale/Wawona	2500A 32	RP	30.958	1950	
Pioneer Park (Cot Tower)	Telegraph Hill	79 33	RP	4.520	1933	
Pomsmouth Square	Keamy/Washington	209 06	RP	1.321		
Potrero del Sol	Potrero/Army	4277 10	RP	4.6	1978	
Potrero Hill-Mini	Conde/11th/22nd Street	4163 07	RP	.631	1971	1
Potrero Hill PG, RC	22nd/Arkansas	4163 07	RP	9.543	1926	2
Precilla Park	Precilla/Folsom	5510 10	RP	2.098	1670	1
Presidio Heights PG	Clay/Laurel	1009 10	RP	.434	1910	1
Randall Museum (see Corona Hts.)	199 Museum Way	2615 14	RP			

add, parks being negotiated - natural areas

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Facility Name	Location	Address or Block #	Owner/Co.	Address	Comments	Comments	Comments	Comments
Randolph-Bright Mini	Randolph/Bright	7090	32 RP	.086	1972			
Richmond Center	18th Ave./Lake St./Calif.	1415	18 ED	.828	1990	98-year lease	1	1
Richmond PG	18th Avenue/Lake Street	1378	21 RP	.826	1916	1	1	1 NWA
Richmond Police SIn.-Mini	7th Avenue/Anza	1538	18 PO					
Ridge Top Plaza	Whitney Young Circle	4711	24 RP/WD	1.134				
Rochambeau PG	24th Avenue/Lake Street	1384	21 RP	.826	1930	1	1	1 NWA
Rock Outcropping	Ortega/14th Avenue	2050A	22 RP	1.329	1991	Lots 11, 12, 21, 22, 6		
Ralph Nicol Park (Eucalyplus Park)	Eucalyplus Dr./25th Avenue	7285	32 RP	2.5	1948			WA
Ralph PG	Poirero Ave./Army Street	4276	10 RP	3.084	1921	2	1	1 WA
Rosa Parks Senior Center	1111 Buchanan/Golden Gate	15	HA	.610	1961	Rec/Park maintains	1	
Rossi PG, Pool	Arguello Blvd./Anza	1140	18 RP	6.535	1933	2 1 1 3	1	
Rowing Club: Dolphin/South End	Aquatic Park	405A	23 RP	.89		Land is leased	1	
Russian Hill Park	Hyde/Larkin/Chesnut	47	09 RP		1947	Hyde Street Reservoir	1	
Saint Mary's PG, RC	Murray St./Justin Dr.	5801	12 RP	13.530	3	1 1 2 1	1	PWA
Saint Mary's Square	California Street/Grant	258	08 RP	1.288	1904-1991			
Saturn Street Steps	Salum/Ord	2828	14 RP	.093	1983	Lot 10-A and DPW street right-of-way	2	2
Sava Pool (see Larsen Park)	19th/Wawona	2477	16 RP					
Selby/Quesada/Pabou	Seward/Acton Alley	5331	24 DPWST	.204	1958	1	1	
Seward St. Park & Ext.-Mini	Seward/Acton Alley	2714	14 RP	.405	72, 77			

Facility Name	Location	Assessor's Block & Lot	Assessor's Block & Lot	Owner/Manager	Address	Comments
Sgt. John Macaulay-Mini	Larkin/O'Farrell	716 02	RP	.2	75-76	
Sharp Park Golf Course	Pacificas, San Mateo Co.	NA	94044 RP	454.720		
Silver Terrace PG	Silver Avenue/Bayshore	53986 24	RP	5.610	1953	1 1 1 1
Silver Tree Day Camp	Chenery/Elk	7560 31	RP			1 WA, volleyball
South of Market Lot	SE Sherman/Cleveland	3754 03	RP	1.406	1997	See Glen Canyon Park
South of Market Park	Folsom/Harriet/6th	3731 03	RP	1.91	1981	1 1 2 4 WA
South Park	84 South Park Avenue	3775 07	RP	.649	1965	2
South Sunset PG	40th Avenue/Vicente	2456 16	RP	3.600	1949	2 2 1 1 NVA, volleyball
States St. PG - see Corona Hts.	States St./Museum Way	2615 14	RP			
Stem Grove	19th Avenue/Sloat Blvd.	2488 32	RP	33.149	2	1 WA 4 horseshoe courts
Stem Grove Annex	20th Avenue/Sloat Blvd.	2488 32	RP	(2.5)	1	
Wewona Bowling Green&Cluthsa	See Stem Grove					
Sunnyside Conservatory	Metro/Edna	3084/3032A 27	RP	1.073	1989	1 1 1 1 NVA
Sunnyside PG	28th Avenue/Lawton	1915 22	RP	3.308	1940	1 2 1 WA
Sunset PG, RC	Geary/32nd Avenue	1574 15	RP	.293	1964	At Washington High School, undeveloped
Swimming Pool Site	Clarendon/Twin Peaks	2662 14	RP	2.6	1977	
Tank Hill	560/570 Ellis Street	322 09	RP	.607	1990	1
Tenderloin Children's Rec. Ctr.	201 Hyde	336 02	RP	.106	1997	To be developed
Tenderloin Preschool PG	Richmond Library	1441 01	Lib	.028		Lots 5, 8 PG, Rec Center

KEY:	M - Men	W - Women	Y - Youth	L - Lights
A -	Normally involves a director on duty, restrooms and/or field lining capability.			
B -	No service options.			
1 -	Winter season only (November 1 through March 1).			
2 -	Youth under 13 only.			

GROUNDSPORT FIELDS

BEACH CHALET

BEACH CHALET #1
BEACH CHALET #2
BEACH CHALET #3

MAIN & KENNEDY DRIVES - (GGP)

SOUTH PITCH
MIDDLE PITCH
NORTH PITCH

M W Y A
M W Y A
M W Y A

CROCKER AMAZON

CROCKER AMAZON #1
CROCKER AMAZON #2
CROCKER AMAZON #3
CROCKER GAELIC #4
CROCKER AMAZON #5

GENEVA AVE. & MOSCOW ST.

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT (ROTATING)
SOUTHEAST QUADRANT (ROTATING)
SOUTHEAST QUADRANT (ROTATING)
NEXT TO NORTHWEST DIAMOND
BTW. THE TWO SOUTHERN DIAMONDS

M W Y A
M W Y A
M W Y A
M W Y A
M W Y 1 A

FRANKLIN SQUARE

16TH & BRYANT STS.

M W Y A

GRATTAN

STANYAN & ALMA STS.

A 2

LOUIS SUTTER

UNIVERSITY & WAYLAND STS.

Y A

OCEAN VIEW

LOBOS BTW. CAPITOL & PLYMOUTH STS.

M W Y A

POLO FIELDS

36TH AVE. & BTW. FULTON AVE. & LINCOLN WAY (GGP)

POLO FIELD #1
POLO FIELD #2
POLO FIELD #3
POLO FIELD #4
POLO FIELD #5
POLO FIELD #6
POLO FIELD #7

NORTHEAST PITCH
SOUTHWEST PITCH
MIDDLE NORTH PITCH
MIDDLE SOUTH PITCH
NORTHEAST PITCH
SOUTHEAST PITCH
WEST END

M W Y A
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M W Y A

WEST SUNSET

41ST AVE. & QUINTARA ST.

WEST SUNSET #1
WEST SUNSET #2
WEST SUNSET #3
WEST SUNSET #4

NORTH OR EAST PITCH (ROTATING)
SOUTH OR WEST PITCH (ROTATING)
UPPER GRASS AREA (DIAMOND #3)
LOWER GRASS AREA (DIAMOND #2)

M W Y A
M W Y A
M W Y L 1 A
M W Y L 1 A

YOUNGBLOOD COLEMAN

GALVEZ & MENDELL STS.

M W Y L A

SOFTBALL DIAMONDS (CONT.)

LOUIS SUTTER #1	UNIVERSITY & WAYLAND STS. (away from the clubhouse)	M W Y A
LOUIS SUTTER #2	UNIVERSITY & WAYLAND STS. (nearest the clubhouse)	M W Y A
LITTLE REC	KEZAR DR. & WALLER ST. (next to Children's Plgd.)	O M W Y B
MIRALOMA	OMAR & SEQUOIA WAY	W Y A
MOSCONE #1	CHESTNUT & LAGUNA STS.	L M W Y A
MOSCONE #3	CHESTNUT & BUCHANAN STS.	L M W Y A
OCEAN VIEW #2	CAPITOL AVE. & LOBOS ST.	M W Y A
PARKSIDE	28TH AVE. & VICENTE ST.	M W Y A
PORTOLA #1	SOMERSET & FELTON ST.	M W Y A
ROLPH #1	POTRERO AVE. & ARMY ST.	L M W Y A
ROLPH #2	26TH & HAMPSHIRE STS.	M W Y A
ROSSI #1	ARGUELLO b/w. EDWARD & ANZA STS.	M W Y A
SILVER TERRACE #1	SILVER AVE. & BAYSHORE BLVD. (nearest the clubhouse)	M W Y A
SOUTH SUNSET #1	40TH AVE. & VICENTE ST.	W Y A
SOUTH SUNSET #2	40TH AVE. & WAWONA ST.	W Y A
SUNSET	28TH AVE. & MORAGA ST.	W Y A
UPPER NOE	DAY & SANCHEZ STS.	W Y A
VISITACION VALLEY	CORA ST. & LELAND AVE.	W Y A
WEST SUNSET #3	39TH AVE. & ORTEGA ST. (upper diamond)	L W Y A
YOUNGBLOOD COLEMAN	GALVEZ & MENDELL STS.	L W Y A

SOFTBALL ONLY DIAMONDS

ALICE CHALMERS	670 BRUNSWICK ST.	W Y B
APOTOS	APOTOS ST. & OCEAN AVE.	M W Y B
BALBOA #1	SAN JOSE & OCEAN AVES.	M W Y A
BALBOA #2	SAN JOSE & SGT. YOUNG DR.	M W Y A
BAYVIEW	THIRD & ARMSTRONG STS.	O W Y B
CROCKER AMAZON #3	MOSCOW & FRANCE STS. (northwest diamond)	M W Y A
CROCKER AMAZON #4	GENEVA AVE. & MOSCOW ST. (northeast diamond)	M W Y A
CROCKER AMAZON #5	GENEVA AVE. & MOSCOW ST. (southeast diamond)	M W Y A
CHRISTOPHER	5210 DIAMOND HEIGHTS BLVD.	M W Y A
DOUGLASS	26TH. & DOUGLASS STS.	M W Y A
EXCELSIOR DeMEYER	RUSSIA & MADRID STS.	L W Y A
EUREKA VALLEY	100 COLLINGWOOD ST. (near 19th St.)	O W Y A
GILMAN	GILMAN AVE. & GRIFFITH ST.	O M W Y B
GLEN PARK #1	BOSWORTH ST. & O'SHAUGHNESSY BLVD. (nearest the clubhouse)	W Y A
HOLLY PARK	HOLLY CIRCLE & HIGHLAND AVE.	O W Y B
JACKSON #1	MARIPOSA & ARKANSAS STS.	L M W Y A
JULIUS KAHN	WEST PACIFIC AVE. & SPRUCE ST.	M W Y A
JUNIPERO SERRA	300 STONECREST DRIVE	W Y A
KIMBELL #1	GEARY BLVD. & STEINER ST.	L M W Y B
KIMBELL #2	STEINER & O'FARRELL STS.	L M W Y B
LANG #1	TURK & OCTAVIA STS.	L M W Y A
LANG #2	COUGH ST. & GOLDEN GATE AVE.	L M W Y A
LARSEN	19TH AVE. & ULLOA ST.	W Y B
LAUREL HILL	EUCLID & COLLIN STS.	W Y A

KEY:	M - Men	W - Women	Y - Youth
	L - Lights	O - Non-reservable	
A - Normally involves a director on duty, restrooms open and/or field lining capability.			
B - No service options.			

BASEBALL ONLY DIAMONDS

BALBOA SUNDBERG	OCEAN & SAN JOSE AVES. (next to the police station)	M W Y A
BALBOA SWEENEY	OCEAN & SAN JOSE AVES. (southwest diamond)	M W Y A
BIG REC GRAHAM	NEAR 7TH. AVE. & LINCOLN WAY (west diamond)	M W Y A
BIG REC NEALON	NEAR 7TH. AVE. & LINCOLN WAY (east diamond)	M W Y A
MOSCONE HENNESSEY #4	BAY & BUCHANAN STS.	L M W Y A
OCEAN VIEW #1	PLYMOUTH & LOBOS STS.	M W Y A
SILVER TERRACE EDWARDS #1	SILVER AVE. & BAYSHORE BLVD. (away from clubhouse)	M W Y B
WEST SUNSET ERLE #1	41ST. AVE. & QUINTARA ST.	M W Y A

DUAL PURPOSE DIAMONDS

CROCKER AMAZON PIERETTI #1	GENEVA AVE. & MOSCOW ST. (next to clubhouse)	L M W Y A
CROCKER AMAZON #2	GENEVA AVE. & MOSCOW ST. (southeast diamond)	M W Y A
GLEN PARK #2	BOSWORTH ST. & O'SHAUGHNESSY BLVD. (near streets)	M W Y A
JACKSON LAZZARI #2	17TH. & CAROLINA STS.	L M W Y A
McCOPPIN SQUARE	22ND. & SANTIAGO ST.	M W Y B
MOSCONE GARRIGAN #2	BAY & LAGUNA STS.	L M W Y A
PORTOLA GAGGERO #2	SOMERSET & SILLIMAN STS.	M W Y A
POTRERO HILL #1	22ND. & ARKANSAS STS.	M W Y A
ROSSI #2	WILLARD & EDWARD STS.	M W Y A
ST. MARY'S MOHR	MURRAY & JUSTIN STS. (away from clubhouse)	M W Y A
WEST SUNSET #2	41ST. AVE. & PACHECO ST.	M W Y A

7.4 Dog Policy Stakeholders

EQUP Environmental Quality for Urban Parks

SPCA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

NPC Neighborhood Parks Council

FRIENDS OF RECREATION & PARK

GGAS Golden Gate Audobon Society

COLEMAN ADVOCATES

SFACC San Francisco Animal Care and Control

SFDog San Francisco Dog

GREEN FRIENDS

PAWS Parks Are Worth Saving

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MUNICIPAL CODES

1. Every dog over 6 months old kept in San Francisco MUST BE LICENSED each year. All licenses expire on June 30. (Exception: Out-of-town visitors for under 30 days). (SF Municipal Code, Part III, Sections. 215 & 219).
2. Owners who fail to license their dogs MAY BE FINED not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 41.12).
3. Every dog MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH when not in an enclosure such as a fenced yard or house. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 41.12)
4. Unleashed dogs at large MAY BE IMPOUNDED (picked up) by the Animal Control Officer and taken to the Animal Control Center, 15th and Harrison Streets. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 41.6)
5. Owners who fail to leash their dogs MAY BE FINED up to \$50. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 41.13)
6. Person finding lost dogs or other animals MUST REPORT THEM TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (SF/SPCA) and must turn them over to the Animal Control Officer on demand. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 41.6)
7. Dogs MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SOIL SIDEWALKS or any other public property (except gutters), or private property belonging to someone else. (SF Public Health Code, Sec. 40)
8. Owners MUST NOT ALLOW THEIR ANIMALS TO MAKE NOISE which is a disturbance of the peace. (SF Police Code, Sec. 147)
9. It is the duty of all persons to REPORT DOG BITES to the Department of Public Health. (SF Public Health Code, 41.11)
10. Anyone keeping more than 3 dogs that are over 6 months of age MUST HAVE A KENNEL PERMIT AND LICENSE. (SF Municipal Code, Part III, Sec. 220)
11. A person MUST OBEY PARK NOTICES, PROHIBITIONS OR DIRECTIONS on any sign posted by the Recreation and Park commission or the Recreation and Park Department. (SF Municipal Code, 3.02)

ARTICLE 3: REGULATIONS

Sec. 3.01.	Rules of Park Commission to Be Obeyed.
Sec. 3.02.	Signs To Be Obeyed.
Sec. 3.03.	Public May Be Excluded.
Sec. 3.04.	Bridle Paths.
Sec. 3.05.	Athletic Activities Prohibited in Certain Areas.
Sec. 3.06.	Launching Boats Prohibited.
Sec. 3.07.	Restrictions on Posting of Signs.
Sec. 3.08.	Personal Services.
Sec. 3.09.	Airplanes, Helicopters, Hot Air Balloons, etc. Prohibited.
Sec. 3.10.	Peddling and Vending Merchandise or Printed Material.
Sec. 3.12.	Camping Prohibited.
Sec. 3.13.	Sleeping Prohibited During Certain Hours.
Sec. 3.14.	Performance of Labor.
Sec. 3.15.	Building Materials.
Sec. 3.16.	Ground To Be Restored to Condition.
Sec. 3.17.	Warning Signals at Danger Points.
Sec. 3.18.	Periodic Assessment of City Parks and City Recreation Programs.

SEC. 3.01. RULES OF PARK COMMISSION TO BE OBEYED.

No person shall willfully disobey or violate any of the rules or regulations of the Recreation and Park Commission governing the use and enjoyment by the public of any park or of any building, structure, equipment, apparatus or appliance in any park, which rules or regulations, at the time, are posted in some conspicuous place in that area of the park or in or near the building, structure, equipment, apparatus or appliance to which the rule or regulation applies. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 3.02. SIGNS TO BE OBEYED.

No person shall willfully disobey the notices, prohibitions or directions on any sign posted by the

Recreation and Park Commission or the Recreation and Park Department. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 3.03. PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED.

In case of an emergency, or when in the judgment of the Recreation and Park Commission or the General Manager the public interest demands it, any portion of any park or park building therein may be closed to the public until such park area or building is reopened to the public by the Recreation and Park Commission or the General Manager; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall authorize the General Manager to close any portion of any park building because of activities, existing or anticipated, engaged in for the purpose of expressing ideas or causes, which activities are protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 3.04. BRIDLE PATHS.

The bridle paths are maintained for the primary use of horses and riders and any person who walks, jogs, runs or otherwise makes use of a bridle path, or who propels or conveys a vehicle or a bicycle, cart, wagon or other object on a bridle path, or who allows any animal within his or her custody on a bridle path, must leave the bridle path or remove the vehicle, object or animal from the path whenever such action or removal is necessary in order to give way to horses and riders. This Section is not applicable to members of the Police Department in the performance of their duties. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 3.05. ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS.

In those areas of Golden Gate Park known as the Japanese Tea Garden, the Arboretum, and Conservatory Valley, no person shall participate in any athletic activity, including, but not limited to running, jogging, volleyball, baseball, soccer,

ARTICLE 5: ANIMALS

Sec. 5.01.	Dogs, Cats, Horses Only Allowed.
Sec. 5.02.	Animals Prohibited from Certain Areas.
Sec. 5.03.	Cats Must Be on Leash or in Transport Box.
Sec. 5.04.	Horses.
Sec. 5.05.	Vicious Animals Prohibited.
Sec. 5.06.	Abandonment of Animals Prohibited.
Sec. 5.07.	Feeding Animals Prohibited.
Sec. 5.08.	Disturbing Animals, Birds, Fish Prohibited; Exceptions.

SEC. 5.01. DOGS, CATS, HORSES ONLY ALLOWED.

No person shall lead, drive, conduct or otherwise bring or allow to remain in any park any animal, bird, fish or reptile other than horses, dogs and domestic cats. This Section shall not apply to duly authorized employees performing duties for the Zoological Park or the Aquarium, nor to persons acting pursuant to a permit from the Recreation and Park Department or the Recreation and Park Commission when the permit allows the presence of such animal, bird, fish or reptile. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 5.02. ANIMALS PROHIBITED FROM CERTAIN AREAS.

No person, other than members of the Police Mounted Detail when on duty, shall, in any park, allow any animal in his or her custody to enter any building, the Zoological Gardens, or those areas of Golden Gate Park known as the Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden and Conservatory Valley, or any playground, sandbox or other area reserved for children, or to enter or drink the water of any drinking fountain, lake or pond, except at places designated and maintained for such purpose. Notwithstanding the above provision, a blind person may enter buildings, the Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden and

Conservatory Valley with a guide dog. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 5.03. CATS MUST BE ON LEASH OR IN TRANSPORT BOX.

No person shall carry, lead, conduct or otherwise bring or allow to remain in any park a domestic cat unless the animal is on leash not exceeding six feet in length or in an animal transport box equipped with vent holes capable of providing the animal with sufficient air. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 5.04. HORSES.

No person shall:

(a) Lead, drive, entice, conduct or otherwise bring any horse into any park other than horses attached to vehicles being driven by the person in charge or horses being used for riding purposes;

(b) Ride, drive or conduct a horse in any park except upon designated bridle paths and roadways;

(c) Ride, drive or conduct a horse in a reckless manner;

(d) Let loose or permit a horse to run at large.

Attention is called to Part II, Chapter VIII of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Police Code), pertaining to the regulation of horseback riding in public places. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 5.05. VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No person shall keep or permit to remain in any park a noisy, vicious, or dangerous animal or an animal which unduly disturbs other persons in the park. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

SEC. 5.06. ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No person shall abandon any animal in any park. (Added by Ord. 603-81, App. 12/18/81)

ARTICLE 1 ANIMALS

- Sec. 1. Report of Diseases of Animals Required.
- Sec. 2. Penalty.
- Sec. 7. Contagious Diseases of Animals.
- Sec. 12. Keeping of Cows.
- Sec. 17. Dog Hospitals, Kennels, etc.
- Sec. 27. Stable Permits.
- Sec. 32. Keeping of Beef Cattle.
- Sec. 37. Keeping and Feeding of Small Animals, Poultry and Game Birds.
- Sec. 38. Penalty.
- Sec. 40. Dog to be Controlled so as Not to Commit Nuisances.
- Sec. 40.5. Protection for Dogs in Motor Vehicles.
- Sec. 40.6. Enclosure of Animals in Motor Vehicles.
- Sec. 41. Definitions.
- Sec. 41.1. Commission of Animal Control and Welfare; Membership; Appointment; Term.
- Sec. 41.2. Powers and Duties.
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- Sec. 41.4. Animal Care and Control Department; Establishment; Appointment of Animal Control Officer; Powers and Duties of Animal Care and Control Department.
- Sec. 41.5. Animal Control Officer; Powers and Duties; Badges.
- Sec. 41.5.1. Biting Dogs.
- Sec. 41.6. Impoundment.
- Sec. 41.7. Periods of Impoundment.
- Sec. 41.8. Redemption.
- Sec. 41.9. Disposition of Animals.
- Sec. 41.10. Charges and Fees.
- Sec. 41.11. Quarantine; Delivery of Carcass.
- Sec. 41.12. Duties of Owners.
- Sec. 41.13. Penalties.
- Sec. 41.14. Enforcement Against Violations on Property Under Jurisdiction of Recreation and Park Commission; Designated Officers and Employees.
- Sec. 41.15. Dogs: Dog License Fee Licensing Requirement; Fees; Term of License.
- Sec. 41.16. Reduction in Fee—Special Circumstances.
- Sec. 41.17. Fees—Late Payment Penalty.
- Sec. 41.18. Vaccination Required for License.

Sec. <u>41.19.</u>	Young Dog Certificate.
Sec. <u>41.20.</u>	Certificate to Owner.
Sec. <u>41.21.</u>	Removal of Tag Prohibited.
Sec. <u>41.22.</u>	Duplicate License or Registration Tag Issued.
Sec. <u>41.23.</u>	Exceptions.
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Sec. <u>42.</u>	Definitions.
Sec. <u>42.1</u>	Fight Training Prohibited.
Sec. <u>42.2.</u>	Registration.
Sec. <u>42.3.</u>	Seizure of Dog: Hearings.
Sec. <u>42.4.</u>	Penalty; Misdemeanor or Infraction.
Sec. <u>42.5.</u>	Enforcement.
Sec. <u>42.6.</u>	Rewards.
Sec. <u>42.7.</u>	Severability.
Sec. <u>48.</u>	Unlawful to Sell Fowl or Rabbits as Pets or Novelties.
Sec. <u>49.</u>	Sale of Certain Animals Prohibited.
Sec. <u>50.</u>	Prohibition.
Sec. <u>50.1.</u>	Sale of Wild and Potentially Dangerous Animals Prohibited.
Sec. <u>51.</u>	Definition of "Wild and Potentially Dangerous Animal."
Sec. <u>52.</u>	Animals Eligible for Permits.
Sec. <u>53.</u>	Application and Fee for Permit.
Sec. <u>54.</u>	Confinement Regulations.
Sec. <u>55.</u>	Other Laws.
Sec. <u>56.</u>	Review of Application for Permit.
Sec. <u>57.</u>	Permit Restrictions.
Sec. <u>58.</u>	Term and Renewal of Permits.
Sec. <u>59.</u>	Revocation of Permits.
Sec. <u>60.</u>	Exceptions.
Sec. <u>61.</u>	Exception—For Transportation of Animals Through City and County.
Sec. <u>62.</u>	Notice of Escape.
Sec. <u>63.</u>	Impoundment.
Sec. <u>64.</u>	Notice of Removal.
Sec. <u>65.</u>	Disposition of Wild and Potentially Dangerous Animals.
Sec. <u>66.</u>	Penalty.

SEC. 40. DOG TO BE CONTROLLED SO AS NOT TO COMMIT NUISANCES.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control or custody of any dog to permit the animal to defecate upon the public property of this City or upon the private property of another unless the person immediately remove the feces and properly dispose of it; provided, however, that nothing herein contained authorizes such person to enter upon the private property of another without permission.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to walk a dog on public property of this City or upon the private property of another without carrying at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of dog feces.

(c) Visually handicapped persons who use Seeing Eye Guide Dogs are exempt from this law. (Amended by Ord. 420-78, App. 9/8/78)

SEC. 41. DEFINITIONS.

As used in Sections 41.1 through 41.13, inclusive, of this Article, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

(a) "At large" shall mean any dog off the premises of its owners and not under restraint by a leash, rope or chain of not more than eight (8) feet in length, and any other animal not under physical restraint.

(b) "Animal" shall mean and include any bird, mammal, reptile, or other dumb creature; except fish.

(c) "City and County" shall mean the City and County of San Francisco.

(d) "Dog" shall include female as well as male dogs.

(e) "Health Officer" shall mean the Director of the Department of Public Health of the City and County, or any employee of said Department or other person authorized by said officer to act on his or her behalf.

(f) "Hoofed Animal" shall mean and include horse, mare, gelding, mule, burro, sheep, cow, goat or any other animal with a hoofed foot.

(g) "Owner" shall mean any person who possesses, has title to or an interest in, harbors or has control, custody or possession of an animal, and the verb forms of "to own" shall include all those shades of meaning.

(h) "Person" shall mean and include corporations, estates, associations, partnerships and trusts, as well as one or more individual human beings.

(i) "Barking Dog" is defined as a dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously and incessantly for a period of 10 minutes to the disturbance of any other person.

(j) "Animal Care and Control Department" shall mean the department under the Chief Administrative Officer authorized to perform the functions described in Sections 41.4 and 41.5 of this Article and any other ordinance or law that delegates such authority to the Animal Care and Control Department or its Director.

(k) "Animal Control Officer" or "Animal Care and Control Officer" shall mean the Director of the Animal Care and Control Department. (Added by Ord. 386-75; amended by Ord. 182-89, App. 6/5/89)

SEC. 41.10. CHARGES AND FEES.

The Animal Control Officer shall charge and collect the following fees from the owner of any animal impounded or otherwise taken into custody:

(a) Redemption fees:

For each dog, the sum of \$15.00

For each cat, the sum of \$15.00

For each hoofed animal, the sum of \$25.00

For each rabbit, bird or other animal, the sum of \$15.00

(b) Voluntary lifetime cat registration fee:

For each cat, the sum of \$ 5.00

(c) Spay/neuter deposit fee:

For each dog, the sum of \$25.00

For each cat, the sum of \$25.00

(d) For feeding and providing ordinary care for animals, the following sums, per day:

For each dog, the sum of \$ 5.00

For each cat, the sum of \$ 5.00

For each hoofed animal, the sum of \$ 5.00

For each rabbit, bird or other animal, the sum of \$ 5.00

(e) In the event that the Animal Control Officer shall determine that payment of any fees by the owner of an animal which is impounded or otherwise taken into custody would cause extreme financial difficulty to said owner, the Animal Control Officer may, at his or her discretion, waive all or part of the fees for the animal.

(f) In the event that any animal is impounded or otherwise taken into custody by the Animal Control Officer more than one time, the Animal Control Officer shall collect a penalty redemption fee, which shall be:

(1) For a second impoundment, two times the fee set forth in Subsection (a) above;

(2) For any third or additional impoundment, three times the fee set forth in Subsection (a) above.

(g) In the event that an animal which is impounded or otherwise taken into custody must be spayed or neutered while in the custody of the Animal Control Officer, the Animal Control Officer shall charge an additional fee consisting of the actual expense incurred.

(h) For extraordinary care or expense provided for an animal, an additional fee consisting of the actual expense incurred shall also be charged. (Amended by Ord. 360-77, App. 11/10/77; Ord. 238-87, App. 6/25/87; Ord. 182-89, App. 6/5/89; Ord. 411-94, App. 12/16/94)

SEC. 41.12. DUTIES OF OWNERS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal, other than a domestic cat, to permit said animal to run at large within the City and County; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to any area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County, and which has been designated by said Commission as an animal exercise area.

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to be within an area designated as an animal exercise area unless said owner is physically present at all times during which the animal is within said area.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to breed on public property; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to departments of the City and County, recognized educational institutions, licensed clinical laboratories, or medical research facilities which are in conformity with Federal or State laws.

(c) The owner of any animal shall provide proper and adequate food, water, shelter, care, exercise and attention for such animals.

(d) Any person who shall keep or permit to remain on any premises within the City and County of San Francisco any "Barking Dog" as defined in Section 41(i) of this Code, is guilty of a violation of this ordinance, provided that, during the time the dog is barking, no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass or no person is teasing or provoking the dog.

(e) Any two unrelated persons, living in different households within 300 feet of the location of the disturbance who are disturbed by a "Barking Dog" as defined in Section 41(i) of this Code may, after signing an affidavit setting forth the information in this subsection, request a police officer to issue a citation to the owner of the dog causing the disturbance for violation of Subsection (e) of this Section. (Added by Ord. 287-76, App. 7/16/76)

SEC. 41.13. PENALTIES.

Any person violating any of the provisions of Sections 41.1 through 41.12, inclusive, of this Article, except the provisions of Sections 41.5.1, 41.11(c), 41.12(a) and 41.12(d), shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person violating the provisions of Sections 40, 41.11(c) and 41.12(a) of this Article shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished for the first offense by a fine not to exceed \$10; for the second offense by a fine not to exceed \$25; for a third and each additional offense by a fine not to exceed \$50.

Any person violating the provisions of Section 41.12(d) of this Article shall: (1) upon the first offense in any 12-month period, be deemed to be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10; (2) upon the second offense in any 12-month period, be deemed to be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$50; (3) upon the third and each additional offense in any 12-month period, be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person violating the provisions of Section 41.5.1 of this Article shall be subject to the penalties provided in said section. (Amended by Ord. 201-78, App. 4/21/78)

SEC. 41.5.1. BITING DOGS.

For purposes of this Section a biting dog shall be defined as follows: Any dog that bites any person or other animal in the City and County of San Francisco, provided, however, that the person or animal bitten was not at the time either provoking or teasing the dog without cause. For the purposes of this Section, the records of dog bites kept by the Department of Public Health shall be deemed official records and shall establish a rebuttal presumption of the number of bites recorded.

(a)(i) If a dog is reported and recorded by the Department of Public Health to have bitten any person or animal, the owner of said dog shall be deemed guilty of an infraction which shall be punishable by a fine of \$25. The Director of Public Health shall inform the Police Department of the bite of said dog and the Police Department shall issue a citation to the owner of said dog.

(ii) In the event that a biting dog causes severe injuries to a person or other animal, the Director of Public Health may recommend that such dog be declared a menace to the public health and safety and he shall so inform the District Attorney by a written Complaint. The District Attorney shall then bring said written complaint to the Municipal Court for a finding that the dog is a menace to the public health and safety. If the Court finds the dog to be a menace to the public health and safety, the owner thereof shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Section, and upon order of the Court, the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer shall impound, hold and humanely destroy the dog in accordance with the procedures of paragraph (c) of this Section.

(b) If a dog is reported and recorded by the Department of Public Health to have bitten any person or animal a second time within 12 consecutive months from the first bite, the owner of said dog shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$250 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The Director of Public Health shall inform the Police Department of the second bite of said dog and the Police Department shall issue a citation to the owner of said dog.

(c) If a dog is reported and recorded by the Department of Public Health to have bitten any person or animal within 12 consecutive months from said dog's second bite, the Director of Public Health shall recommend said dog be declared to be a menace to the public health and safety and shall so inform the District Attorney by a written complaint. The District Attorney shall then bring said written complaint to the Municipal Court for a finding that the dog is a menace to the public health and safety. If the Court finds the dog to be a menace to the public health and safety, the owner thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon order of the Court, the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer shall immediately impound the dog, and after a period of 10 days from the time of impoundment, the dog shall be humanely destroyed unless the owner shows the Court good cause why said dog should not be destroyed. (Added by Ord. 232-78, App. 5/19/78)

SEC. 41.14. ENFORCEMENT AGAINST VIOLATIONS ON PROPERTY UNDER JURISDICTION OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION; DESIGNATED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

(a) Pursuant to California Penal Code, Title 3, Section 836.5, the classes of officers or employees of the City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Department, listed below are empowered to enforce provisions of Section 41.12, pursuant to Section 41.13 of this Code, against violations committed on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission as an infraction, by exercising arrest and citation authority.

Classification No. Class Title

8208 Park Patrol Officer

8210 Supervisor Park Patrol

(b) Enforcement Procedure. In the enforcement of said provisions the classes of officers and employees set forth in this section shall utilize, where appropriate, the procedure as prescribed by Section 836.5 and Chapter 5C (commencing with Section 853.5) of Title 3, Part 2, of the Penal Code of the State of California. (Added by Ord. 435-89, App. 12/6/89)

SEC. 41.15. DOGS: DOG LICENSE FEE LICENSING REQUIREMENT; FEES; TERM OF LICENSE.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of any dog without having obtained a current San Francisco license for such dog, which license shall be renewed no later than 30 days after the date of expiration, as herein provided.

(a) Every person owning, keeping or having control of any dog over the age of four months within the City and County of San Francisco shall within 30 days after the dog attains the age of four months or within 30 days of obtaining the dog, obtain a current license for each dog so owned, kept or controlled.

(b) New residents shall have 30 days in which to acquire a current San Francisco license for each dog owned, kept or controlled within the City and County of San Francisco.

(c) Such dog license shall be issued upon payment, in advance, of a license fee and upon satisfactory proof of antirabies vaccination and shall be valid for a specified term from the date of issuance, all as provided in Section 41.18. The Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control, the Tax Collector or other agency issuing said certificate, is hereby authorized to charge, and any person requesting said license shall pay, a fee for each such license, according to the following scale and subject to the exceptions set forth in this Article:

(1) Sixteen dollars for a one-year license;

(2) Thirty dollars for a two-year license;

(3) Forty-four dollars for a three-year license, issued only upon proof that such dog is 12 months of age or older.

Notwithstanding San Francisco Administrative Code section 10.117-87(c), said license fee shall be used to defray the costs associated with issuance of said license, including personnel costs. Any change recommended by the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control as to the amount of the fees charged for each license shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to the imposition of said fee. Fees for partial-term licenses for less than a 12-month period will be prorated on a monthly basis. A schedule of said license fees shall be posted conspicuously on the premises of the Department of Animal Care and Control and in the office of the Tax Collector, or other agency charged with the collection of said fees.

(d) Licenses issued under prior existing dog licensing ordinances of the City and County shall remain valid until expiration. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92; amended by Ord. 472-96, App. 12/13/96)

SEC. 41.16. REDUCTION IN FEE-SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

The following reductions in the fees provided for in Section 41.15(c) shall be available under the following circumstances:

- (1) For each dog neutered or spayed in accordance with this Article, the license shall be prorated, as follows:
 - (A) Eight dollars for a one-year license;
 - (B) Fourteen dollars for a two-year license;
 - (C) Twenty dollars for a three-year license.
- (2) If the owner of a dog is 65 years of age or older, the license fee shall not exceed 50 percent of the applicable fee set forth in Section 41.15(c) or 50 percent of the applicable fee set forth above. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92; amended by Ord. 472-96, App. 12/13/96)

SEC. 41.17. FEES-LATE PAYMENT PENALTY.

(a) A late charge of \$5 shall be assessed for failure to obtain a current San Francisco dog license or to renew any expired license within any of the time limitations set forth in Section 41.15 of this Article. Any such late charge shall be in addition to the applicable license fee and shall be payable at the time of issuance. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92)

SEC. 41.18. VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE.

(a) So long as the State of California has declared the City and County of San Francisco to be a rabies-endemic county, it shall be a requirement that every person owning, keeping or controlling a dog over the age of four months within the City and County of San Francisco shall at all times have procured current vaccination of the dog by a licensed veterinarian with an approved canine antirabies vaccine.

(b) Upon proof of a current antirabies vaccination, a license may be issued pursuant to this Article for any period not to exceed 36 months, or three years. However, the license period shall in no event exceed the remaining period of validity of the animal's current antirabies vaccination.

(c) Every veterinarian who vaccinates or causes or directs to be vaccinated in the City any dog with anti-rabies vaccine shall:

- (1) Use a form approved by the licensing authority to certify that such animal has been vaccinated; and
- (2) Notify the licensing authority when such animal is vaccinated within 30 days. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92; amended by Ord. 321-98, App. 10/23/98)

SEC. 41.19. YOUNG DOG CERTIFICATE.

(a) Every resident of the City and County of San Francisco who procures a young dog over the age of two months from any animal shelter shall register such dog with the Department of Animal Care and Control, Tax Collector or other agency authorized to issue said certificate. Upon payment of a deposit equivalent to the amount of a license fee set pursuant to Section 41.15 of this Article, the owner of the young dog shall be issued a temporary identification tag and young dog certificate. The certificate shall be valid until the dog attains the age of four months, or has received an antirabies vaccination, whichever occurs first. Upon expiration of the certificate, the Tax Collector will notify the owner that the certificate has expired and upon satisfactory proof that the dog has been vaccinated in compliance with Section 41.18 of this Article, the owner shall be provided with a valid license for said dog as provided in this Article.

(b) If an owner fails to procure a license within one month after the expiration of the young dog certificate, the deposited license fee shall be forfeited and the owner shall be deemed to be in violation of Section 41.15 of this Article. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92)

SEC. 41.20. CERTIFICATE TO OWNER.

(a) Upon the payment of a dog license or cat registration fee, the owner of the animal shall obtain from the Tax Collector or other authorized agency a certificate stating (1) the period for which such license or registration fee is to be paid, (2) the date of payment, (3) the name, residence address, and telephone number of the person to whom such license is issued, (4) the name, breed and sex of the dog or cat licensed or registered, (5) the number of the license or registration tag issued as provided for in this Article, and (6) a statement whether the animal has been spayed or neutered. Such certificate shall be delivered to the person paying such license or registration fee and duplicates or records thereof shall be delivered to the Department of Animal Care and Control. All such duplicates and records shall be kept in the office of the Department of Animal Care and Control until the registration or certificate expires. The Tax Collector shall periodically provide the Department of Animal Care and Control with updated information regarding current registrations.

(b) The certificates and tags described in this Section shall not be transferable from dog to dog, cat to cat, or from owner to owner.

(c) At the same time that the Tax Collector issues the certificate pursuant to this Section, he or she shall also issue and deliver to the person paying such license or registration fee a license tag of such form and design as the Department of Animal Care and Control shall designate, with the words "San Francisco Dog License" or "San Francisco Cat Tag" and a serial number.

(d) The owner or person having control or possession of the dog or cat for which said license or registration fee has been paid, and such tag issued, shall attach such license tag or registration tag securely to a collar around the neck of the cat or dog, or otherwise adequately secure such tag. License tags shall be securely displayed upon dogs at all times, except when the dog is confined to the owner's premises or displayed in any show or exhibition. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92)

SEC. 41.24. ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer and every police officer while on duty to enforce the provisions of Sections 41.15 to 41.22, inclusive, of this Article requiring owners of dogs to obtain a license for same. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92)

SEC. 42. DEFINITIONS.

As used in Sections 42 through 42.5, inclusive, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

- (a) "Vicious and dangerous dog" means:
 - (1) Any dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or domestic animal either on public or private property, or in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in apparent attitude of attack upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places; or
 - (2) Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or
 - (3) Any dog which engages in, or is found to have been trained to engage in, exhibitions of dog fighting; or
 - (4) Any dog at large found to attack, menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threaten or endanger the safety of any domestic animal or person.
- (b) "Vicious and dangerous dog" does not mean:
 - (1) Any dog that attacks or inflicts bites upon a trespasser of a fully enclosed building; or
 - (2) Any dog used in the military or police if the bites or attack occurred while the dog was performing in that capacity.
- (c) "Enclosure" means a fence or structure of at least six feet in height, forming or causing an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of young children, and suitable to humanely confine a dog with adequate exercise area, and posted with an appropriate warning sign, in conjunction with other measures which may be taken by the owner or keeper.
- (d) "Animal Control" means any person designated under the Administrative Code as the City Pound Keeper or Animal Control Officer.
- (e) "Impounded" means taken into the custody of the City pound.
- (f) "Person" means a natural person or any legal entity, including but not limited to, a corporation, firm, partnership or trust.
- (g) "Hearing officer" means any designated representative of the Department of Public Health or the Police Department who conducts a hearing pursuant to Section 42.4. (Added by Ord. 408-87, App. 10/9/87)

SEC. 42.1. FIGHT TRAINING PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to fight-train, keep, harbor, transport through the limits of the City and County of San Francisco, own, or in any way possess a dog for the purpose of dog-fight exhibitions. Scars and wounds are rebuttable evidence of participation in dog-fight exhibitions or training. "Fight training" is defined to include but not be limited to:

- (a) The use or possession of treadmills unless under the direction of a veterinarian;
- (b) Actions designed to torment, badger or bait any dog for purpose of encouraging said dog for fight exhibitions;
- (c) The use of weights on the dog unless under the direction of a veterinarian;
- (d) The use of other animals for blood sport training;
- (e) Any other activity the primary purpose of which is the training of dogs for aggressive or vicious behavior or dog-fight exhibitions. (Added by Ord. 408-87, App. 10/9/87)

SEC. 42.3. SEIZURE OF DOG: HEARINGS.

(a) **Subject to Seizure.** Upon the receipt of a signed complaint, or upon the personal observation of an Animal Control Officer, or a representative of the Department of Public Health or Police Department, that a dog is vicious and dangerous, and said dog is on its owner, keeper or harborer's property, the Animal Control Officer, or the Department of Public Health or Police Department representative, may find the dog presents a danger and is subject to seizure and impoundment. Upon a finding that the dog is subject to seizure, written notice of such finding shall be made to the owner, keeper or any adult in apparent control or possession of the dog. Prior to the seizure of the dog, the owner or keeper of the dog shall be entitled to a hearing as described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) **Immediate Seizure.** (i) Should any Animal Control Officer, representative of the Department of Public Health or the Police Department determine that probable cause exists to believe that a dog is vicious and dangerous and cannot be properly controlled, such dog is subject to immediate seizure. The owner or keeper of the dog shall be entitled to a hearing upon seizure as described in paragraph (c) of this section, and upon the hearing the owner of any dog found to be vicious or dangerous shall be assessed the costs of sheltering the dog and of administering the ordinance.

(ii) Upon the receipt of a signed complaint, or upon the personal observation of an Animal Control Officer, or a representative of the Department of Public Health or Police Department, that a dog has killed or wounded, or assisted in killing or wounding any domestic animal, or has attacked, assaulted, bit or otherwise injured any person or assisted in attacking, assaulting, biting or otherwise injuring any person, such dog shall be subject to immediate seizure and impoundment. The owner or keeper of the dog shall be entitled to a hearing upon seizure as described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) (i) Prior to the seizure of any dog authorized by paragraph (a) and within three days of the seizure of any dog pursuant to paragraph (b) a hearing officer shall inform, in writing, the owner or keeper of the dog that the person's dog is alleged to be vicious and dangerous and be subject to penalties under this ordinance. Unless the hearing is waived by the owner or keeper of the dog, or the hearing is scheduled on an agreed-upon date not later than 30 days from date of incident, the hearing officer shall fix a time not less than 30 nor more than 60 days from date of the incident, and fix a place for said hearing and cause all parties to be notified, not less than 15 days before the date of such hearing. The hearing may be informal and the rules of evidence not strictly observed. It shall not be necessary, for the City, to prove that the owner or keeper of the dog knew that the dog was vicious and dangerous. Within 15 days following the hearing, the hearing officer shall issue his or her decision to all parties.

(ii) Should the hearing officer find the dog to be vicious and dangerous, the hearing officer shall order the dog be registered pursuant to Section 42.2, and that the dog be spayed or neutered. The hearing officer may, in addition, order the dog and the owner, keeper and any person in control of the dog attend and complete a basic obedience course under an approved and recognized obedience trainer or dog-training organization.

(iii) In the event the hearing officer concludes that the dog is vicious and dangerous and that the health, safety and welfare of the community is not adequately addressed by the requirements provided in Section 42.3(c)(ii), the hearing officer may order the dog destroyed.

(iv) The decision of the hearing officer is final. (Added by Ord. 408-87, App. 10/9/87)



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DOG WALKER AGREEMENT FORM

To be added to our referral list of Dog Care Professionals, please sign and date the following Agreement and fill in your business information below. We furnish our list to adopters and the public upon request.

I agree to work in accordance with the following guidelines set forth by San Francisco Animal Care and Control:

1. *To have a maximum of six dogs with one walker at any time.*
2. *To have a current dog license and identification attached.*
3. *To have verification of current vaccinations.*
4. *To clean up all feces left by the dogs I am walking.*
5. *To have one leash present for each dog and to use leashes except when in designated off-leash areas.*
6. *To transport dogs in safe, well-ventilated vehicles in a manner to prevent injury or overheating.*
7. *To transport dogs with safe and proper restraint in open vehicles to prevent injury.*
8. *To use handling and training methods that are humane and in compliance with state and local laws.*

Signature

Date

Name of Business: _____

Areas or Locations covered: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

WEB Site Address: _____ Other: _____

May we list your service on the SFACC web site? (www.ci.sf.ca.us/acc) YES NO

(the following information is for our records and will not be given to the public)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Thank you for your listing. We appreciate your support for this project and your concern for the safety of the dogs in our community. We wish you continued success.



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TO: DOG WALKING SERVICES IN SAN FRANCISCO
DATE August 1999 (originally released 11/3/98)

Dog Walkers provide a valuable service to the City and County of San Francisco. People rely on dog walkers to provide professional, conscientious dog care while they are at work. In order for these services to meet the needs of the public and provide safety and companionship to the dogs, San Francisco Animal Care and Control has developed a list of guidelines, which we strongly recommend all dog walkers adhere to.

We have received an increasing number of complaints about dog walking services over the last year. The following is a list of complaints that our department has compiled to help you understand the importance of establishing standards by which dog walking services should operate. These complaints have included:

- ◆ dogs being lost by walkers
- ◆ dogs not wearing current license or any identification
- ◆ dogs being verbally and physically abused by walkers
- ◆ dogs in poorly ventilated vehicles without safe enclosures
- ◆ dogs contracting contagious diseases
- ◆ dog walkers failing to pick up feces

After reviewing these complaints, we have developed the following guidelines for dog walkers:

1. Each walker must have a maximum number of six dogs per walk.
2. Each dog must wear a current dog license and identification.
3. Each dog must have verification of current vaccinations.
4. Walker must clean up feces left by dogs and carry a container for clean-up at all times.
5. Walker must have one leash present for each dog in the group. (dogs must be on leash except when in "designated" off-leash exercise areas).
6. Dogs must be transported in safe, well-ventilated vehicles in a manner to prevent injury or overheating.
7. Dogs must be safely and properly restrained in open vehicles to prevent injury.
8. Walkers must use methods of handling that are humane and in compliance with state and local laws.

(OVER)

San Francisco Animal Care and Control may enforce the recommended guidelines listed above when a dog walker is in violation of any the following applicable code sections:

Cruelty to Animals

Penal Code Sec. 597 (b)

Anyone having charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, who subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter or protection from the weather is guilty of a crime.

Duties of Owners

Health Code Sec. 41.12 (a)

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal, other than a domestic cat, to permit said animal to run at large within the City and County. (not applicable to areas designated as an animal exercise area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission)

Health Code Sec. 41.12 1.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to be within an area designated as an animal exercise area unless said owner is physically present at all times during which the animal is in said area.

Health Code sec. 41.12 (c)

The owner of any animal shall provide proper and adequate food, water, shelter, care and attention for said animal.

Dog License Requirement

Health Code Sec. 41.15 (a)

Every person owning, keeping or having control of any dog over the age of four months within the City and County of San Francisco shall within 30 days after the dog attains the age of four months or within 30 days of obtaining the dog, obtain a current license for each dog so owned, kept or controlled.

Health Code Sec. 41.18 (a)

So long as the State of California has declared the City and County of San Francisco a rabies-endemic county, it shall be a requirement that every person owning, keeping or controlling a dog over the age of four months within the City and County of San Francisco shall at all times have procured current vaccination of the dog by a licensed veterinarian with an approved canine antirabies vaccine.

Dog to be Controlled as not to Commit Nuisances

Health Code Sec. 40 (a)

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control or custody of any dog to permit the animal to defecate upon the public property of this City or upon the private property of another unless the person immediately remove the feces and properly dispose of it.

Health Code Sec. 40 (b)

It shall be unlawful for any person to walk a dog on public property of this City or upon the private property of another without carrying at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of dog feces.

Protection for Dogs in Motor Vehicles

Health Code Sec. 40.5

It shall be unlawful to transport a dog in a motor vehicle upon any street within the City and County of San Francisco unless dog is fully enclosed within the motor vehicle or is protected by a belt, tether, cage, container or other device that will prevent the dog from falling, jumping or being thrown from the motor vehicle.

Health Code Sec. 40.6

No dog or other animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle without adequate ventilation, or subject the animal to extreme temperatures, which may adversely affect the animal's health and welfare. (Also applies to transporting dogs in a motor vehicle)

(OVER)

Lost Dogs

If you lose a dog you are walking, you must file a Lost Report with San Francisco Animal Care and Control and notify the owner immediately. We strongly encourage you to visit the Animal Shelter on your own as quickly as possible. Stray dogs, or dogs with unknown "owners" are kept for a legal stray period of 4 days before being the legal "property" of the City and County of San Francisco. At that time, Animal Care and Control will decide whether he or she will be placed for adoption, according to health, behavior and space considerations.

Additional Suggestions

We encourage dog walkers to list your service with us. We will be happy to provide this list of services to the many people who call us looking for dog walking services.

We encourage all pet care professionals to have a business license.

We encourage you to carry the appropriate insurance.

We encourage you to join one of the national organizations for pet care professionals.

We encourage you to take classes or instruction in safe, humane and effective dog care and handling.

Dog walkers give companionship and exercise to the dogs in our community. To list your service with us, please complete the attached agreement form. We appreciate the hard work you do and welcome you to call SFACC with questions or comments.

*Field Services - 415/554-9402
Community Affairs - 415/554-9414*

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PARENT ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH
How do off-leash dogs in SF parks impact children and families?

Kids or Dogs: Who's the priority?

Many parents feel that it's the dogs who have priority in our parks. It shouldn't be this way. With leash laws on the books, dog owners should respect the law that protects the public safety. The parents' recommendations to the SF Rec and Park Department and City Hall (Rec and Park can't do it alone) are based on city-wide surveys of thirty-two parks throughout the City. We found that off-leash dog use of the parks has a significant negative impact on how families are able to enjoy our parks.

OUR FINDINGS:

- The leash law is ignored in the parks.
- The "pooper scooper" law is not enforced.
- Inadequate signage:
 - Posting on asphalt, easily missed.
 - Often, no signs posted.
 - No signs regarding where off-leash areas can be found on site or elsewhere in the city.
- Rec & Park gardening and program staff are often harassed, or worse, by uncooperative dog owners or uncontrolled dogs.
- Professional dog walkers pose a particular threat when they bring many dogs into the park at the same time.
- Most fields and green spaces suffer ruts from digging dogs and worn turf by over use.
- Many parks are not only impacted by feces, but by urination of green space making picnicking undesirable and unpleasant.
- Dog owners need to be educated about children.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO REC & PARK:

1. Off-leash areas should be separate and contained.
2. Acknowledge that not all parks are appropriate for off-leash dog use.
3. Improve signage
4. Leash laws
5. Where designated off-leash dog areas are located.
6. Invest in amenities to make current designated off-leash dog areas more hospitable dogs and their owners.
7. A decisive and enforceable leash law/"pooper scooper" plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY HALL:

- A. Support enforcement of the current leash law.
- B. Support Rec and Park by expanding Animal Control.
- C. Expand Animal Control enforcement officers.
- D. Transfer dog licensing from the Tax Collector to Animal Control so they can expand licensing in the neighborhoods.
- E. Improve the Health Department's reporting procedure for dog bites so people know how to report bites.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

- Even friendly dogs can be scary to a small child.
- Even people who love dogs may not appreciate their time spent in the park dodging playful pups.
- It should be a parent's choice to allow a child to interact with your dog, not the dog's choice.
- It's never OK to allow your dog in a children's playground.
- Digging in an athletic field makes the field unsafe and drives up maintenance costs.
- Did you know that there was a reported dog bite for each day of the year last year?

PARENT ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH

SF PARK GRADES – Impact of dogs on parks

	PARK	GRADE
District 1	Mountain Lake Park	C
District 2	Alta Plaza	D
	Allyne Park	D
	Lafayette Park	D
	Moscone Park	D
District 3	Washington Square	D
District 4	South Sunset	B
	Sunset	B
	West Sunset	B
District 5	Buena Vista Park	C
	Duboce Park	C
	Margaret Hayward	B
District 6	McKinley Square	C
	South Park	D
District 7	Miraloma Park	C
	Sunnyside Park	D
	West Portal PG	C
District 8	Christopher PG	D
	Mission Dolores Park	D
	Eureka Valley RC	D
	Glen Park	D
	Upper Noe RC	B
District 9	Bernal Heights PG	B
	Holly Park	C
	Mission PG	B
	Precita Park	D
	Rolph Nichols Park	C
District 10	Gilman PG	B
	Herz	B
	Potrero Hill PG	C
	Youngblood Coleman	B
District 11	Crocker Amazon	B

Grades based on: 1.

1. Presence of off-leash dogs
2. Feces contamination control
3. Enforcement of dog regulations
4. Condition & maintenance of fields and multi-use green spaces
5. Interview with park staff
6. Is it an designated off-leash site?
7. Dog behavior
8. Signage

**PARKS CAUCUS—Delancy Street Town Hall
600 The Embarcadero San Francisco
June 5, 1999**

BEST FRIENDS AND "PARK FRIENDS"

Moderator: Rosey Jencks, Neighborhood Parks Council

Facilitator: Tes Welborn

Resource people: Officer Brown—Department of Animal Care and Control, Mike Morlin—Recreation and Parks Department, Marybeth Wallace—Coleman Advocates for Youth, and Jeff Ward—SF Dog Owners Group

Introduction

Controversy and conflict over dogs in neighborhood parks is springing up all over San Francisco. An advisory dogs-off-leash task force to the Recreation and Parks Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has been created to address the issues of off-leash dogs in San Francisco's parks. They have been meeting and produced a report that evaluates the 18 current off-leash areas in the SF city parks. The report makes recommendations about the need for and locations of more off-leash areas. It recommends 20 new sites for off-leash areas. This process began with the assumption that more off-leash areas were needed, but did not necessarily address the general conflict over competing land uses in our city's open space. These remaining issues and recommendations have been very controversial within the city and many issues still need to be addressed. Additionally a city-wide dog-owners-group, (SF DOG), has formed to promote and advocate off-leash recreation for their animals. The conflict over land use in this city with limited space is still going on, and we need to elevate the discussion beyond the emotional battle of being "pro-dog" or "anti-dog".

Today we need to maintain the conversation about what is best for San Francisco's parks and not only single stakeholder groups. This means that we need to ask ourselves tough questions: like how is our system handling these competing needs? How can we increase funding to improve enforcement, education, licensing and maintenance? What can we do about existing non-compliance to leash laws? Are mixed-use hourly schedules workable? Are fenced-in dog parks a good compromise?

Discussion Issues

- Education
- Funding/Revenue for enforcement and amenities ,
- Land use and planning criteria
- Enforcement
- Decision-making, process and community input
- Where do dog issues fit into the larger park improvement efforts?

Examples of successful strategies

Brooks Park, San Francisco

Community members are benefiting from the careful attention of responsible dog owners who have been charged with the task of covering any new graffiti they spot on their daily walks. This way the dog owners are seen as contributing to their parks and providing good examples to errant dog owners.

New York

NYC has a new goal to increase compliance with leash laws to protect people, park lawns, natural areas and other dogs.

- Raised fines for enforcement of rules
- Created databases to track repeat offenders
- Increases enforcement
- Excludes dogs from sensitive natural areas
- Produced effective signage and brochures
- Trained neighbors to enforce rules
- Big campaign and celebration of the 20th anniversary of the pooper scooper law with a public education campaign "Love your pet, love your park" that promotes responsible dog owners use of the parks that include educational and informational cards
- Established dog-free zones and fenced off-leash dog runs and dogs are not allowed off-leash except in these fenced areas
- Use of pea gravel in fenced in dog areas
- Requires that all dogs be licensed and violators be fined

San Francisco

Friends of Recreation and Parks provides special water fountains for dogs. This is a good alternative to owners allowing their dogs to drink out of human water fountains. A new dog fountain helps prevent the spread of animal diseases, and this has also been effective in Memorial Park in Houston Texas.

Marin County

Marin has five fenced dog parks; and in San Raphael Field of Dogs, a non-profit, has organized to build a 1/4 acre fenced dog park on land donated by the city. The park is run and maintained by the non-profit, and charges a \$5.00/year membership fee, and they hold auctions, benefit dinners and produce a newsletter for their dog owners' community. They report that it is safe place to recreate with their dogs off-leash. Rick Johnson from the Marin Humane Society says that the major benefits of this meeting place are that it helps educate people about responsible pet ownership, veterinary health issues, and helps the community come together.

Neighborhood Parks Council Problem-Solving Fact Sheet: Dogs in Parks

Controversy and conflict over dogs in neighborhood parks is springing up all over San Francisco. While individual park groups will have to work to find solutions that are right for their specific park, we've provided below a list of amenities that can potentially help neighborhoods successfully resolve their dog issues. In the long run, neighborhoods that take pro-active approaches to user-conflicts will find that their park will benefit from the increased attention and the explicit agreements that neighbors make.

Amenities:

1. Posts with signage and plastic dog pick-up bags: Posting the rules and laws clearly, and providing the physical tools to clean up dog poop not only gives owners the information and support to behave respectfully, but it provides a way for dog-owners to educate their less-responsible peers with a simple point towards the dog-station.
2. Dog bowls for public water fountains: Dog-level bowls attached to water fountains. So far, they need a special plumbing arrangement to be installed, but hopefully, more adaptable models will soon be found and utilized.
3. Signage, clearly designating off-leash areas: In addition to posts with doggie bags, eye-catching, easily-read signage should be designed and posted, stating all the rules and laws that pertain to dogs in San Francisco's parks.
4. Instituting clean-up days for dog-people: S.F. DOG, and other dog-advocacy groups have already started doing regular clean-up days to pick up and restore their neighborhood parks. Many areas that are regularly used by dogs need a long-term agreement with the dog-owners to take some extra responsibility to clean up. These work parties would best be arranged and initiated by the dog-owners themselves.
5. More designated, fenced dog runs, where appropriate: San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department needs to provide several more official dog runs, similar to the new dog run being created at St. Mary's Park. Fenced, so dogs can run off-leash, these areas would be similar to the highly successful dog runs now being utilized in New York City.
6. Involving the SPCA and the city pound in an education campaign: Dog owners need ongoing detailed education on rules and regulations about dogs in parks. Owners also need updated information about designated off-leash areas and clean-up days. Education from peers who understand one another's perspective is always most effective, therefore, the SPCA, the city's pound, and other dog-advocacy groups should launch a joint educational campaign that gets results with handbills, posters and other media.
7. Lighting for dog areas (esp. winter/fall): Many dog owners don't use the designated dog runs at night in the winter and fall, because they are not lit and users do not feel safe. Different parks would have vastly different lighting needs, but many dog areas could use additional lighting near their designated dog runs to encourage users to stay in the areas allocated for them.

8. Empowering Recreation and Park Patrol, as well as the SFPD, to cite Dog owners who do not respect the community's resources need to be held responsible for their actions. With signage, educational campaigns and dog-amenities, there also comes an increased responsibility that dog-owners need to assume. One way to enforce community standards is to encourage and empower the Park Patrol and the SFPD to cite violators.
9. Talking to people from communities with success stories for dealing with dogs: Berkeley, New York, San Jose. Many communities and parks departments will have success stories for us, if we ask the right people.

The topic of dogs in parks is an emotional one; and we suggest that you utilize a community facilitation service like Community Boards (552-1250) to keep discussions friendly and productive. Many of our member groups have been relieved to have their skills at contentious neighborhood meetings. You should also invite groups like the Neighborhood Parks Council and Coleman Advocates for a city-wide perspective, as well as representatives from the Recreation and Park Department and the Police Department's Operation Park Patrol for practical and legal questions.

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